The image shows the front cover of a book. The cover is decorated with a traditional marbled paper pattern, often called a 'stone' or 'shell' pattern. This pattern consists of intricate, swirling, and cell-like shapes in a rich palette of deep reds, purples, blues, and yellows. The colors are intermingled to create a complex, organic texture. In the upper right corner, there is a small, rectangular white paper label. On this label, the words 'Questers' and 'Book #1' are written in a dark, cursive script. The label is slightly offset from the top edge of the cover.

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# THE QUESTERS

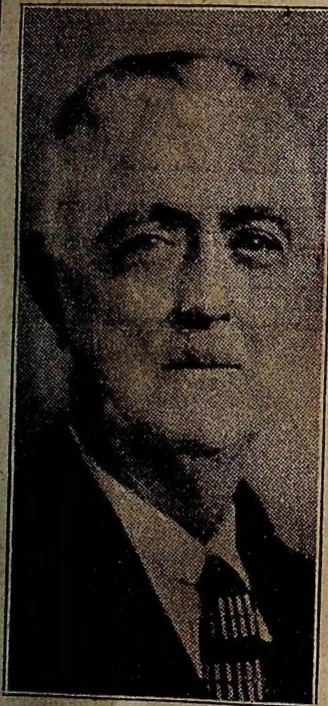
BROWNLIE SOD HOUSE CHAPTER # 1229

FORMED ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1992

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## Prominent Residents Long Grove Ia. Celebrate Golden Anniversary Feb. 2



R. K. BROWNLIE

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Brownlie, prominent and well known residents of the Long Grove community, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, Tuesday, Feb. 2. A family dinner, at which a few intimate and long-time friends of the honored couple will be guests, will be only formal observance of the occasion. Messages of congratulations are being received by the couple.

Their wedding Feb. 2, 1882 took place in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Mau. Both families were pioneer settlers in Scott county, being established here in 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlie are natives of the county and have spent their lives here. Until they operated the home farm, they



—Photos by Hostetler.  
MRS. R. K. BROWNLIE

just south of Long Grove but since that time have been residents of Long Grove. Mr. Brownlie is 82 years of age and his wife, 80.

Mr. Brownlie is president and general manager of the Long Grove Mutual Telephone company, a position he has held since organization of the line 25 years ago. He is also president of the Stockmen's Savings bank and was chairman of the Scott county exemption board during the World war. Despite his advanced years he is still actively interested in affairs of the community and both he and his wife are in excellent health. They are parents of two sons: Dr. I. C. Brownlie, Denver, Colo., and H. O. Brownlie, cashier of

## Long Grove

### Katherine Brownlie

SANTA FE, N.M. — Katherine I. Brownlie, 77, died Tuesday, July 8, 2003, in Santa Fe, after a brief illness.

Ms. Brownlie was the daughter of Harry Oran Brownlie and Ruth Ebert Brownlie. Katherine's ancestors immigrated from Scotland through Nova Scotia, Canada, to Iowa and founded the village of Long Grove in 1838. Her great-grandfather, James Brownlie, was a farmer and founding minister of Long Grove Christian Church. Katherine's grandfather, Robert Kossuth Brownlie, was a farmer, cattle breeder and the banker in Long Grove. Harry Oran Brownlie, Katherine's father, also headed the bank.

After "the banker's holiday" in 1933, the family moved to Daventry, where Katherine spent her childhood. She majored in history and political science at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. After graduation, she moved to California and worked as a personnel director for several companies until her retirement in the late 1980s.

After retirement, she settled in Santa Fe in 1990, mainly to attend the Santa Fe Opera. She was a member of Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Santa Fe Opera

Guild, Seniors Reaching Out, American Association of University Women, Renesan, as well as numerous political, human services and cultural organizations.

She is survived by her loving nephew, Steve West Sr., of Hiawatha, Iowa, and his family, plus her cousins, nieces and nephews. Many of her childhood friends remained in the Quad-City area but continued their friendship across time and miles. Katherine will be remembered by her numerous friends and family for her generous heart and quick mind.

A local memorial service is pending and will be announced. Donations in her honor may be sent to Santa Fe Opera or Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Fe Endowment Fund.



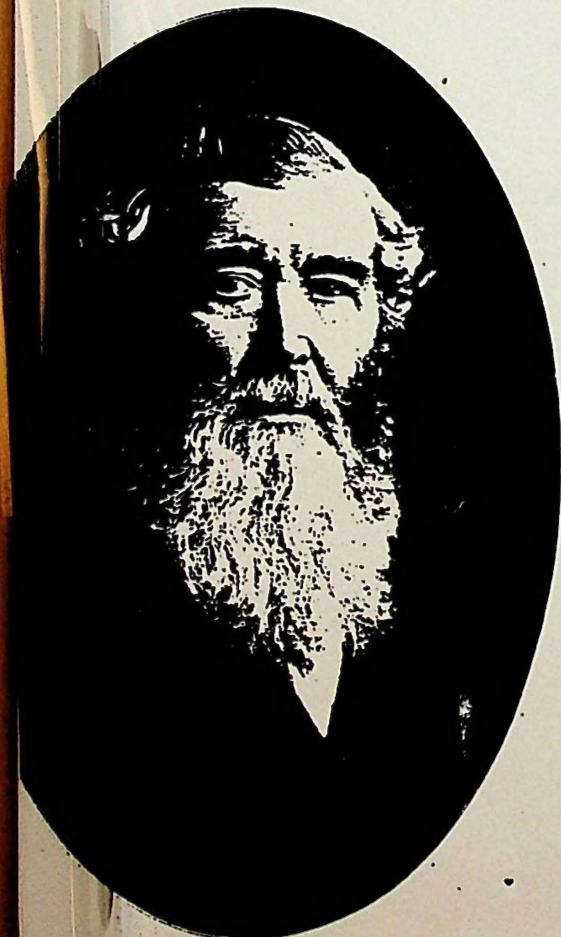
## HISTORY OF SCOTT COUNTY

### ALEXANDER W. BROWNLIE.

Alexander W. Brownlie needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he has made his home within the borders of Scott county for more than three score years and ten, having been brought here by his parents when in the second year of his age. He was successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising throughout his active business career but is living largely retired at the present time, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Canada on the 22d of May, 1837, his parents being James and Ritchie (Walker) Brownlie, both of whom were natives of Scotland. The father was born on the 26th of November, 1807, and the mother's birth occurred in the year 1810. They were married in Canada and remained residents of that country until 1838, when the family home was established in Scott county, Iowa, the father coming here a few months prior to the arrival of his wife and three children. James Brownlie took up a timber claim at Long Grove, which place at that time boasted only one shanty. He constructed a sod house or dugout and after residing therein for a year built what was considered a commodious log house in those days. In 1851 the primitive structure was replaced by another residence, which is still standing. James Brownlie accumulated about four hundred acres of land and devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and improvement. He held various positions of public trust and responsibility and was one of the six men (all Brownlie by name) who organized the Christian church at Long Grove, in 1839. Preaching services were conducted in his home from 1839 until 1846, when a log church was erected, and he served as an elder until his demise. This church is the oldest in Scott county. Mr. Brownlie was called to his final rest in 1893 and the community thus lost one of its worthy pioneer settlers whose labors had proved an important element in the work of early development and upbuilding. His wife passed away in 1889. Their children were six in number, as follows: Jane, who is deceased, as is also her husband, James Neil; Mrs. Isabelle McCosh, who has likewise passed away; Alexander W., of this review; Catherine, the deceased wife of John Fluke, of Grinnell, Iowa; Andrew, who has also been called to his final rest; and Robert, who is a resident of Long Grove.

Alexander W. Brownlie began his education under the preceptorship of his parents, as there were still no schools in the pioneer community. When he was about ten years of age a little "temple of learning" was established at Long Grove with Phillip Van Patten as instructor, and there he pursued his studies for a time. He remained under the parental roof until he was married and then purchased and located upon a tract of one hundred and sixty acres near Long Grove. Part of the land was broken and after the remainder had been made ready for farming purposes he erected a dwelling and there carried on his agricultural interests for about twelve years. On the expiration of that period he still engaged in the live stock business to some extent but is living largely retook up his abode on another farm of one hundred and thirty acres a little nearer Long Grove and, disposing of his original property soon afterward, was actively engaged in its operation for a great many years. In 1876 he became interested in the live stock business in association with his brother Robert and they carried on their operations in this connection for about a third of a century, making a specialty of shorthorn cattle, Poland China hogs and Percheron horses. He is still engaged in the live-stock business to some extent but is living largely retired at the present time, making his home at No. 501 Kirkwood avenue in Davenport. He is one of the stockholders in the Stockmen's Bank at Long Grove, which he assisted in organizing in May, 1907.

On the 22d of January, 1862, Mr. Brownlie was united in marriage to Miss



A. W. BROWNLIE

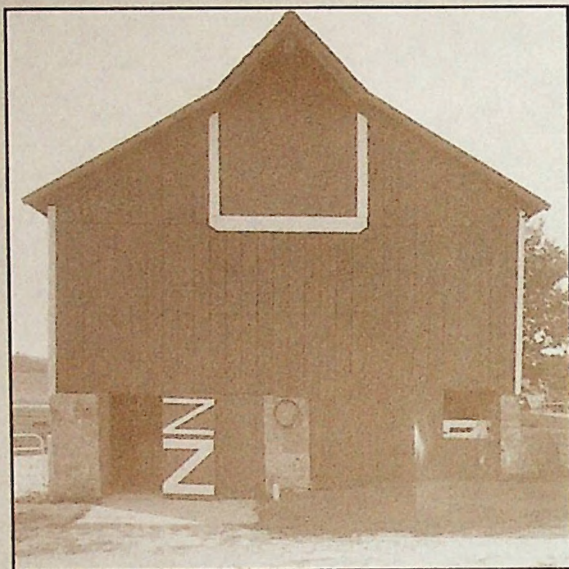


Elizabeth Thompson, who was born in England on the 22d of January, 1841, and who in 1844 was brought to Scott county by her parents, the Hon. Hugh M. and Jane Thompson. Her father represented this district in the state legislature for a great many years and was also the president and manager of the Iowa Agricultural College. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlie became the parents of four children. Sarah, the eldest, wedded M. H. Calderwood, of Davenport, and is now the mother of seven children, namely: Ethel; Blanche; Errett and Almeta, twins; Helen; Dwight; and Ruth. William, the cashier of the Citizens First Bank of Davenport, wedded Miss Mary E. Fleming, by whom he has one child, Aline. Annie, who gave her hand in marriage to John Neil, of Cherokee, Iowa, now has four children: Iola, Jennie, Laverne and Bernice. Andrew Brownlie is deceased. Mrs. Elizabeth Brownlie, the wife and mother, was called to her final rest in the year 1874.

Mr. Brownlie is a lifelong member of the Christian church at Long Grove and has always held official position therein, having continuously served as trustee since its incorporation and as elder and Sunday school superintendent for about thirty years. He has spent practically his entire life in this county and is therefore familiar with its development from pioneer times down to the present, having aided in the arduous toil which brought about the wonderful transformation that is everywhere apparent in this part of the state.



## THE BARN



The Barn, 1999

The barn, that is still present on this property, is located just west of the sod house. The exact construction date of the first section of the barn is hard to determine. It is known that the barn was built in two stages, the east half in approximately 1840 and the west half in 1900. Rough hand-hewn beams are easily visible in the interior of the barn; some of these logs are still covered with bark.



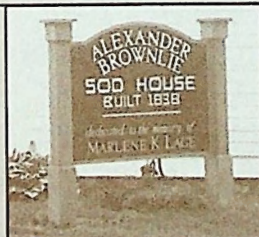
Interior Barn Beams

ALEXANDER  
BROWN LIE  
SOD HOUSE  
BUILT 1838

The Sod House  
is open year round  
by appointment.

The annual  
Prairie Market Bazaar  
is held in the Sod House  
and barn in October  
each year and is  
open to the public.

The current owner is  
Robert E. Lage.  
He can be reached  
for appointments  
at 319-285-9935.



## THE SOD HOUSE

1838



Built by  
Alexander Brownlie  
in 1838

Listed on the  
National Register  
of Historic Places

Pine Street  
Long Grove, Iowa



## HISTORY

In 1826, the Brownlie's, a family of common people, left their homeland of Scotland and traveled to Canada. In Scotland, they had worked as hired hands, doing farm work for the Lords of Scotland. It was the promise of land in Canada and the excitement of their passage over that brought them to North America.

After living in Canada for 12 years, the Brownlie family became dissatisfied with British rule in the Province of Ontario. So, in June of 1838, they sold everything they owned and left Canada. Their journey eventually brought them to Davenport, Iowa. Finding that all the timber land along the Mississippi River had been claimed, they headed north, where they were able to purchase 100 acres of timber from a Mr. Coate's for \$160.00. This land is now part of the town of Long Grove, Iowa.

Due to the abundance of timber, most homes in the area were built of log. But Alexander Brownlie used his skill as a stone mason to construct his house out of sod. He used a plow to cut the sod into strips, and used this to create a two-story farmhouse for his family.

In 1932, the second owner, John Martens, sold the house to Edward and Dora Lage, parents of current owner Bob Lage. When Bob and Marlene Lage had the opportunity to move into the home where Bob grew up, he wanted no part of it. The house was big and cold, and without indoor plumbing. Those trips to the outhouse were part of his past, not his future. So the Lage's built a new house on the property, and in 1967, began demolition of the "old house." James "Bud" Nagle (their brother-in-law), removed a large board from a doorframe of the "old house", and what he



Sunday School Picnic, 1897

uncovered put a halt to the demolition process. Not even the "old-timers" in the area had any idea that the house was built of sod; it was expected to be built of log.

Marlene Lage and Howard Brownlie, a descendant of Alexander Brownlie, worked tirelessly on restoring the house and having it placed on the National Register of Historic Places. With help from an architect, a local contractor, volunteers, and numerous "Long Grove boys", a large portion of the restoration has been completed. Presently, the Brownlie Sod House Questers #1229 assist with projects that help continue the restoration of the house.

## ARCHITECTURE

Alexander Brownlie plowed tough prairie sod into two-foot by one-foot strips to create large bricks made of sod. These bricks formed the walls of the house. Bits of grass and weeds can still be seen in the rock-hard soil. Lath was attached to the earthen walls with old square nails imprinted with the letter "B". Plaster mixed with horsehair was added to the lath. On the exterior, the sod was covered with

clapboard to preserve the sod, and improve the appearance of the house. The basement under the original sod portion of the house was built with hand-hewn wood beams and walls of native limestone. A brick addition and a wood frame addition (that included a third story attic) were built in later years. The brick addition is still in tact, but the wood frame addition has been removed. This sod home is especially unusual due to its two-story construction, which was necessary to accommodate the size of the Brownlie family. There is no other known two-story sod house of this type in the United States.



Interior Sod Wall



THE INTERIOR OF THE ALEXANDER  
BROWN LIE SOD HOUSE IN 1993.















1897

Sunday School Picnic  
A. D. Brownlie Home





1897  
*Sunday School Picnic*  
*A.D. Brownlie Home*

Picture includes the following people, as remembered by Anie Zogg:

- |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Hugh M. Thomson (Jeanie) | 11. Mrs. Matt Calderwood (Sarah) |
| 2. Mr. A.D. Brownlie             | 12. Mrs. Chris Marti (Hughanie)  |
| 3. Mrs. A.D. Brownlie            | 13. Mrs. Sam Baughman (Tracy)    |
| 4. Mrs. D.J. Clapp (Jeanie)      | 14. Alva Brownlie                |
| 5. Twins                         | 15. Rena Brownlie                |
| 6. Mrs. Bert Evans (Cosette)     | 16. Neva Brownlie                |
| 7. Mrs. Grant Robertson (Elma)   | 17. Rebecca (Preston McGinnis)   |
| 8. Winnie Robertson              | 18. McGinnis                     |
| 9. Mrs. George Marti (Emma)      | 19. McGinnis                     |
| 10. Mrs. Charlie Clapp (Effie)   |                                  |





# Iowa Quester Invocation

We are thankful for the opportunity to  
gather here today.

Grant that our coming together will result in  
building a finer organization by  
strengthening our awareness of the heritage  
we love and appreciate.

May our endeavors today lead us, so that we  
may not leave our mark in preservation of  
material things, but more importantly, that  
we may grow in fellowship and love.

“God will fight your battles if you just keep still. He is able to carry  
you through. Trust Him. Keep standing, keep believing and keep  
hoping.”



— Germany Kent



## **OUR BROWNLIE SOD QUESTERS MEMBERSHIP IN 1992**

**MARLENE LAGE ( CHARTER MEMBER)**

**SUE SCHRECK**

**JEAN CARLIN**

**JANET NAGEL (CHARTER MEMBER ) 2020**

**ANNABELLE DE KOCH**

**MARGE CASEL**

**MARGE JOHNSON (CHARTER MEMBER)**

**LORA BAUGHMANN**

**BEV KEPPY**

**DOROTHY CURTIS )CHARTER MEMBER**

**ANNETTE TANK**

**RUBY FERRIS (CHARTER MAMBER 2020)**

**CAROL ROUKEY( CHART ER MEMBER 2018)**

**HELEN MUHS( CHARTER MEMBER 2020)**

**INEA STOLTENBERG (CHARTER MEMBER 2020(**

**MERIAM BEHRENS**

**DELORIS BLAKE (CHARTER MEMBER 2020)**

**NORMA ZURBORG**

**FLORENCE WHISLER**

**IDA WEIBEL**

**JEANETTE KORTHAUS (CHARTER MEMBER 2020)**

**LOIS NAGEL**

**DOROTHY BOCKWALDT**

**MARY FEUERBACH**

**VERNA FELDPAUSCH**

**VERA HANSEN**

**THE SCRAPBOOKS WERE CREATED BY**

**MARIAN BEHRENS AND**

**DELORIS BLAKE**



### Alexander Brownlie Sod House

Alexander Brownlie Sod House, a newly organized Questers group met Wednesday morning at the home of Helen Muhs, rural Eldridge, with 15 in attendance.

Oct 21, 1992

North Scott Press

Officers were elected. They are: president - Helen Muhs; vice president - Marlene Lage; secretary/treasurer - Sue Schreck.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Carol Roukey, Eldridge, on Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m.







**Prairie Market, Bazaar and Bake Sale at Sod House--**The annual Prairie Market will be held at the Sod House in Long Grove Oct. 16 and 17. Michelle Allaman, Irene Zindel and Jeanette Korthaus are pictured in the upstairs Christmas room with a variety of items that will be offered for sale. The doors will be open from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday. Demonstrations will be held in the barn with fall items for sale. A salad luncheon will be served at the Long Grove Community Center on Friday only, from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Contributed Photo



### Alexander Brownlie Sod House

Alexander Brownlie Sod House Questers group met Wed., Nov. 11 at the home of Sue Schreck, Long Grove, with 18 in attendance.

Sue Schreck told the history of various antique items in her home.

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., Wed., Dec. 9 at the home of Marian Bchrens, Long Grove, with Annabelle De-Cock, assisting.





*"My definition of a Quester"*

*A Quester is a socially  
well adjusted person who  
has curiosity, enthusiasm,  
imagination and a good memory.  
For the greatest powers of  
the mind are memory and  
imagination, for without  
memory we have no past  
and without imagination, no future.*

*Jessie Elizabeth Bardens*

*Happy Anniversary*

*5 years January 6, 1993*

*This Month marks the Chartering of*

*Brownlie God House  
#1229*

*May you have many  
many more!!*

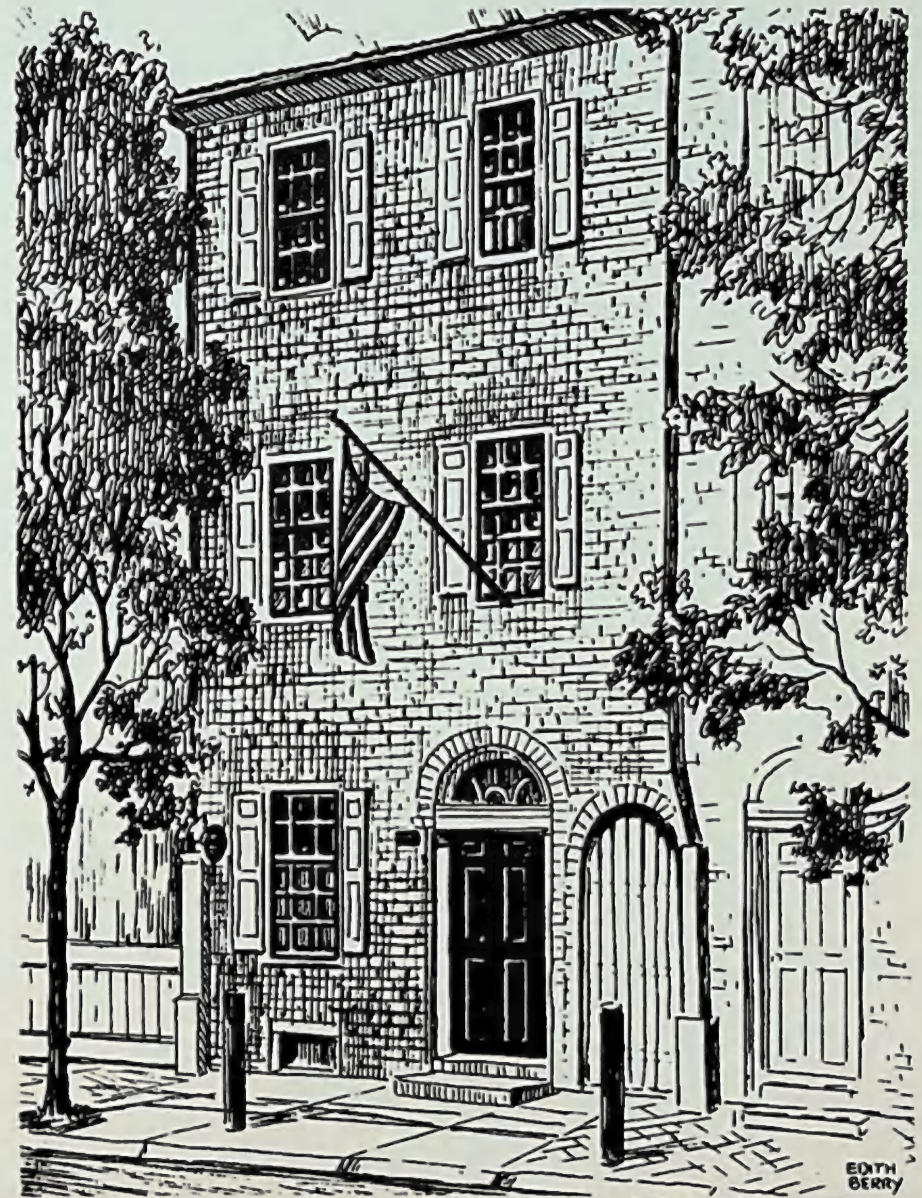
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## ARTICLE I -- NAME

- Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be BROWNLIE SOD HOUSE
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(insert name of State or Province) IOWA

The chapter shall be governed by the principles as set forth in The Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of The Questers.

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MAY HAVE THE ZEROX & THE ABOVE ORIGINAL. - USE ONE OR  
THE OTHER. - IF YOU MAKE A MILLION, I'D LIKE A CUT.  
YOU MENTIONED SOMEONE ELSE WANT PERMISSION TO USE A SKETCH  
SAME CHARGES TO HIM SAME AS TO YOU Bill







# **RIVER RAMBLIN'**

at the

## **TWENTIETH ANNUAL SOUTHEAST IOWA QUESTERS AREA MEETING**

Saturday, October 10, 1992



**Best Western STEEPLGATE INN**  
100 West 76th Street  
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**Hostesses:**  
**Duck Creek Chapter and**  
**Gleaners Chapter of Questers**

Carol Roukey and Dorothy Curtis  
Attended this Event









### Sod House Questers - 1993

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The next meeting will be Feb. <sup>10</sup> Feb. ~~9~~ at 10 a.m. at Antique America, Davenport, with Dorothy Curtis as hostess.





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## Some thoughts regarding reproductions

It is important to remember that reproductions have been produced for years. At the turn of the century, companies were reproducing Colonial furniture. Glassware has been reproduced all through this century. An item can be old and still be a reproduction. Early reproductions are now collectible. The danger lies in buying a 1930s piece of furniture and paying an 1830s price.

Always use common sense. Don't buy something without examining it carefully. If the item is supposed to be old, remember that it should look old. You will hear many stories about why a piece looks so good. You will be told that it was wrapped up the day it was purchased and stored 100 years, or that it was found in a warehouse. Even if these stories were true, the piece should show some signs of age.

Remember, reproduction artists are often careless when it comes to detail. By asking yourself a few questions you may be able to spot many questionable aging techniques. Ask why the wear and tear is there in the first place. Do the dents, scratches and bumps appear to be from daily use and cleaning? Be wary if the aging is too uniform.

People who fake and reproduce items try to keep their costs low. They don't always take the time to properly age parts of an object that won't be seen. Take drawers out of furniture and examine them to make sure they match the rest of the piece. If a cast-iron toy or bank comes apart, dismantle it and look inside. If an item is framed, unframe it. Important information such as dates and the addresses of printing companies are often hidden under frames and matts. A word of caution — only take these measures if you are seriously interested in buying the piece, and have the owner's permission. Be sure you can put the item back together without damaging it.

Before spending a lot of money on a new collection, research the subject. Find other collectors and ask them what reproduction and fantasy items are on the market. Most collectors are eager to share information.

Companies that sell reproductions usually have catalogs which they mail to prospective customers. Some of the catalogs are free, but most cost a nominal fee, generally under \$10. Get as many catalogs as you can. Look at the ads in Country and Victoriana magazines, and check antique trade papers that allow reproduction advertising. Most trade papers will send you one free sample copy from which you can get such information, or check your local library to see

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### **Brownlie Sod House Questers**

The March 10 meeting of the Brownlie Sod House Questers was held at the home of Ruby Ferris, Maysville, with 16 in attendance. The remodeled Ferris home was once the grocery store in Maysville.

Mrs. Ferris gave a program on collecting and caring for copper items.

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# Childhood Memories

## Iowa Questers State Day

April 3, 1993

So much of our questing comes wrapped in memories: the family Haviland pattern, Grandma's turkey red tablecloth off the thresher's table, our dolls—cloth, china and paper, toys for girls, toys for boys, fishing lures from generations of avid fishing expeditions.

This year Quester Chapters Old Capitol, Red Cedar, Robert Lucas, Rose Hill, Octagon Barn, Plum Grove, and Junction Collectors invite you to share memories of that special time each of our lives—*Childhood*.

We wish to remind you as you plan your trip to bring an item for the Treats and Treasures table. And as always, Historian's Scrapbooks and Chapter Yearbooks will be displayed.

The Highlander Motel on the northeast corner of I-80 at Intersection #246 and Highway 1, on the north edge of Iowa City, will be Convention Headquarters.

Room costs are: single room \$57.75 plus tax, double room \$62.75 plus tax. Please make your reservations directly with The Highlander Tel. 1-800-728-2000.

April 2 through 4, the huge up-scale Cedar Rapids Antique Show will be held at the 5 Seasons Center. Plus the Westdale-Glandorph Mall Antique Show will be on in Cedar Rapids, and a Flea Market extravaganza is being held on the south side of Cedar Rapids at Hawkeye Downs. Makes your mouth water, doesn't it? You may wish to plan for at least a two day convention trip this year!

Because of all the interesting antiquing in our area this weekend our tour possibilities are three. The Plum Grove article within this issue gives you the information of docent site tours of the *Governor Lucas home* in east Iowa City.

*Old Capitol* on the Pentacrest of the University of Iowa is another tour that is extremely popular in the spring. If this is your first opportunity to see it, don't miss it.

The newly reopened *Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum* in nearby West Branch is also open daily from 9-5 with docents available to take you through the permanent Hoover Exhibit and the new special exhibit, *The Roaring Twenties*. This exhibit includes Babe Ruth's bat, Louie Armstrong's horn, a 1920's main street with 1924 roadster, antique clothing of the era, and even a flagpole sitter. Questers will also be able to see the clothes of Lou Henry Hoover. The manikins and glass display cases were purchased by the Questers of Iowa a few years ago.

## Schedule of Events

Friday, April 2, 1993

7:00 - 9:00 pm Reception

Herbert Hoover Library

West Branch

Saturday, April 3, 1993

8:00 - 9:00 Registration and Coffee

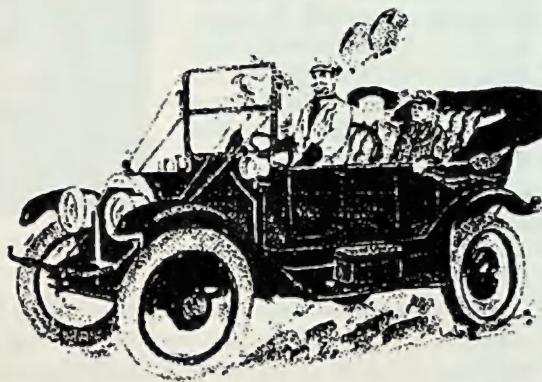
9:15 - 10:00 Seminar 1

10:00 - 10:45 Seminar 2

10:45 - 11:30 Seminar 3

11:30 - 12:30 State Council Meeting

12:30 Luncheon



### President's Reception

Friday, April 2, 1993

### Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum

The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library will be the setting for the President's reception on Friday evening April 2, 1993, from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. You will be the guests of the Red Cedar Quester Chapter #238. You will be able to view the new Special Exhibit due to be opened, entitled: *The Roaring Twenties*. This exhibit is one that who might wish to come and see this delightful era to do so.

The four antique site tours in the West Branch, will be open for the reception or until 11:00 pm.





IOWA QUESTERS STATE DAY  
APRIL 3, 1993  
IOWA CITY, IOWA



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OUT GOING PRESIDENT  
SUE GARNJOBST 1993.



# Childhood Memories

## Iowa Questers State Day

April 3, 1993

So much of our questing comes wrapped in memories: the family Haviland pattern, Grandma's turkey red tablecloth off the thresher's table, our dolls—cloth, china and paper, toys for girls, toys for boys, fishing lures from generations of avid fishing expeditions.

This year Quester Chapters Old Capitol, Red Cedar, Robert Lucas, Rose Hill, Octagon Barn, Plum Grove, and Junction Collectors invite you to share memories of that special time each of our lives—*Childhood*.

We wish to remind you as you plan your trip to bring an item for the Treats and Treasures table. And as always, Historian's Scrapbooks and Chapter Yearbooks will be displayed.

The Highlander Motel on the northeast corner of I-80 at Intersection #246 and Highway 1, on the north edge of Iowa City, will be Convention Headquarters.

Room costs are: single room \$57.75 plus tax, double room \$62.75 plus tax. Please make your reservations directly with The Highlander Tel. 1-800-728-2000.

April 2 through 4, the huge up-scale Cedar Rapids Antique Show will be held at the 5 Seasons Center. Plus the Westdale-Glandorph Mall Antique Show will be on in Cedar Rapids, and a Flea Market extravaganza is being held on the south side of Cedar Rapids at Hawkeye Downs. Makes your mouth water, doesn't it? You may wish to plan for at least a two day convention trip this year!

Because of all the interesting antiquing in our area this weekend our tour possibilities are three. The Plum Grove article within this issue gives you the information of docent site tours of the *Governor Lucas home* in east Iowa City.

*Old Capitol* on the Pentacrest of the University of Iowa is another tour that is extremely popular in the spring. If this is your first opportunity to see it, don't miss it.

The newly reopened *Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum* in nearby West Branch is also open daily from 9-5 with docents available to take you through the permanent Hoover Exhibit and the new special exhibit, *The Roaring Twenties*. This exhibit includes Babe Ruth's bat, Louie Armstrong's horn, a 1920's main street with 1924 roadster, antique clothing of the era, and even a flagpole sitter. Questers will also be able to see the clothes of Lou Henry Hoover. The manikins and glass display cases were purchased by the Questers of Iowa a few years ago.

## Schedule of Events

Friday, April 2, 1993

7:00 - 9:00 pm Reception

Herbert Hoover Library

West Branch

Saturday, April 3, 1993

8:00 - 9:00 Registration and Coffee

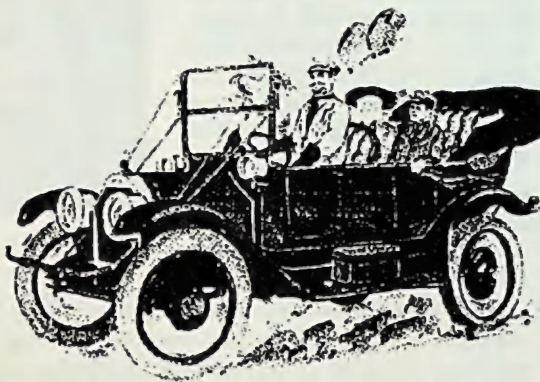
9:15 - 10:00 Seminar 1

10:00 - 10:45 Seminar 2

10:45 - 11:30 Seminar 3

11:30 - 12:30 State Council Meeting

12:30 Luncheon



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HEAD TABLE AT STATE  
DAY 1993 DECORATED  
RAGGATY ANNE THEME!







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Robert and Dorothy Curtis, Donahue, and Henry and Vera Hansen, Walcott, attended the state assembly in Iowa City on April 3.

New officers were elected. They are: president - Helen Muhs; vice president - Marlene Lage; secretary - Annabelle DeCock; treasurer - Sue Schreck; historian - Dorothy Curtis; publicity - Lora Baughman.

Marlene Lage gave a program on stamp collecting.

The next meeting will be May 12 at the home of Jean Carlin, Long Grove.

*NS. Press - May 12, 1993*











Bev Keppy of Donahue, Iowa, took home several nice primitives from the Davenport show.



This setting attracted lots of attention from passers-by.

May 1993 - Jack Burk Show





**Stamp of Approval** - Marlene Lage, clerk at the Eldridge Post Office, shows off the Elvis commemorative stamps which went on sale last Friday. Local stamp collectors and Elvis fans have purchased thousands of the stamps, which depict the singer early in his career.

NSP Photo by Barb Geerts

# ELVIS!

## 1,640 stamps sold by 2 o'clock Friday

Elvis Presley fans have put their stamp of approval on a new issue from the United States Post Office.

Admirers of the late great singer lined up at post offices across the country to purchase their idol's likeness on a new commemorative stamp which went on sale at noon last Friday.

"King" fans-turned-philatelists kept clerk Marlene Lage hopping at the Eldridge Post Office, she said. By 2 p.m. Friday, she had already sold 1,640 of the stamps—nearly half the amount initially issued to the local post office.

"This is the biggest sale that I remember," said Lage, who has been with the post office for 19 years. Many of the stamps were purchased in sheets, or panes—some as

treasured memorabilia, others as a simple investment.

Lage attributes brisk sales of the stamp to the "recognition factor." Unlike many relatively obscure figures honored by the issue of commemorative stamps, "everybody knows Elvis," she said.

And it seems everyone wants the tiny portrait of the handsome young singer, as he looked early in his career.

Folks who waited to get their Elvis stamps may be out of luck. As of Monday, only a few hundred stamps remained at the local P.O. And officials were uncertain whether there would be another shipment of what could become the most sought-after commemorative ever issued in the U.S.





May 12, 1993

Women in history

Jessie Johnson-

- 1) Sojourner ~~D. A.~~ TRUTH
- 2) SINDRA DAY O'CONNOR
- 3) SUSAN B. ANTHONY
- 4) Gloria Steinham

Heather Green - Nellie Bly

Kelly Oster - Laura Ingalls Wilder





## CLUBS

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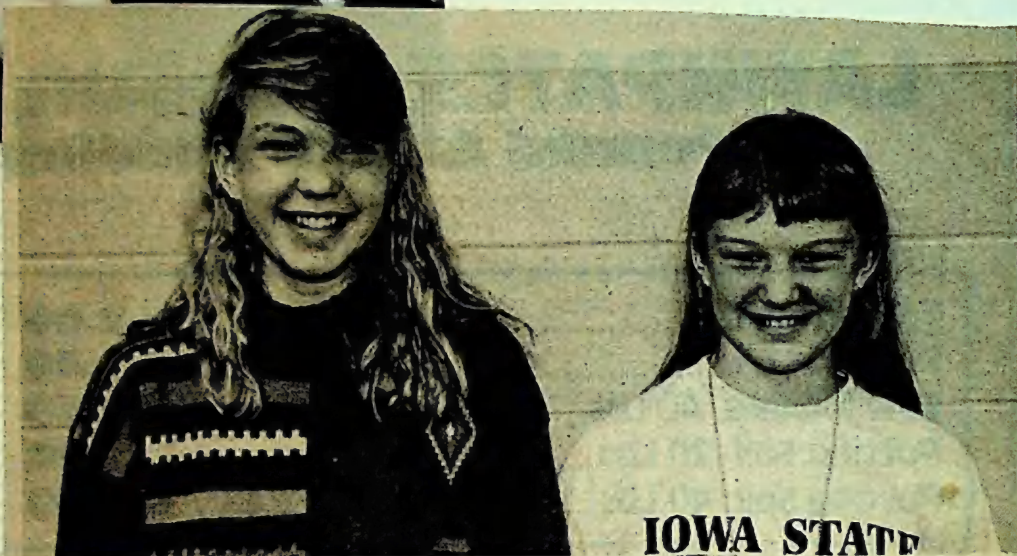
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*Helen Burkholder*  
*Melanie Ill*  
Home of JEAN CARLIN







Abby Risius and Kelly Oster.

NSP Photo by Barb Geerts

## History students first in Iowa

Alan Shepard sixth-grader Kelly Oster will represent the state of Iowa at the National History Day competition scheduled for June 13-17 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.

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Another Shepard sixth-grader, Abby Risius, took third place at the state level in the category of "individual media." Her entry was "Seeing Fingers," which focused on Louis Braille and his writing system for the blind. Abby, the daughter of Dale and Nancy Risius, Long Grove, will serve as an alternate for the national competition.

Kelly and Abby were among 11 students from Shepard who represented the Area Education Agency's Area 9 at the state competition. The theme for this year's History Day is "Communication In History."





THESE BIBLE REFERENCES IN LAURA'S HANDWRITING WERE IN HER SMALL BIBLE AND ON THE TABLE NEAR HER ROCKER WHERE SHE SAT TO READ.

In facing a crisis read 46 Psalm  
When discouraged " 23+24 "  
Lonely or fearful " 29 "  
Planning budget " St. Luke chapter 14  
To live successfully with others read  
Romans, chapter - 12  
Sick or in pain read 91 Psalm  
When you travel carry with you 121. Psalm  
When very weary read Matthew 11 - 28 & 30  
and Romans 8 - 31 to 39.  
When things are going from bad to worse  
2 Timothy - 3d.  
When friends go back on you hold to  
1 Corinthians 13th.  
For inward peace the 14th. chapter of St John, 3rd  
To avoid misfortune Matthew 7 - 24 to 27  
For record of what trust in God can do Hebrews - 11  
If you are having to put up a fight - the  
end of Ephesians  
When you have sinned read 1 John 3 - 1 to 21  
And make Psalm 51 your prayer



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# BEIDERBECKE INN

♦ Bed and Breakfast ♦

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Davenport, Iowa  
(319) 323-9336

Carl & Patti Grall  
Innkeepers



## Sod House Questers 1993

Members of the Brownlie Sod House Questers #1129 met Wed., Sept. 8, at the Charles Biederbecke home (Bix's grandfather). The home, located on 7th St., Davenport, is now a bed and breakfast and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grall.

Helen Muhs, president, conducted a short meeting, followed by a guided tour of the home.

The next meeting will be Wed., Oct. 13, at the home of Marge Johnson, LeClaire.







September 8, 1993

BEIDERBECKE INN

Hostess.....Vera Hansen

Co-Hostess.....Dorothy Curtis







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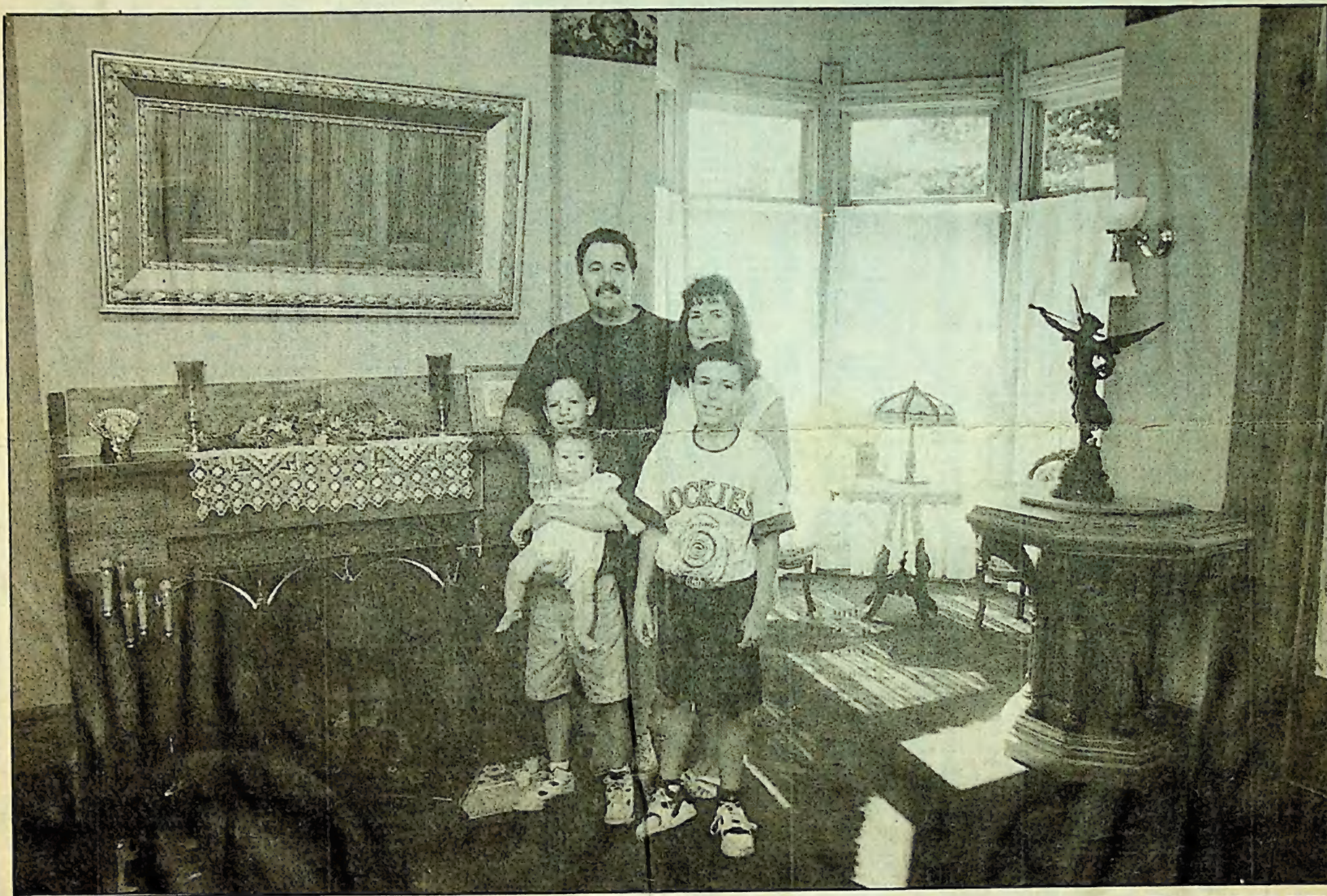
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Larry Fisher/QUAD-CITY TIMES

Patti and Carl Grall and children, Nick, 11; Andy, 10; and Makenzie, 7 months, welcome guests to the mansion's parlor. By

rebuilding the mansion's tower, the Gralls created the sitting area at the right.



# Q-C couple turns old mansion into ge

By John Willard  
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Four years of work and planning are beginning to pay off for Patti and Carl Grall.

This weekend, they are showing off the bed and breakfast inn they created in a home formerly owned by the grandfather of Davenport-born jazz legend Bix Beiderbecke.

Once abandoned and ravaged by vandals, the 19-room Gothic Revival mansion at 532 W. 7th St., Davenport, now looks much the way it did when a young Bix scampered over its hardwood floors.

The Gralls rebuilt long-gone architectural features like the corner tower and porte cochere. They brought back chimneys and added a new roof, complete with the tricolor diamond pattern of the original slate.

They put back balconies and opened up a second floor porch that commands a panoramic view of the Mississippi River.

Most important, they were able to convince bankers that their dreams had merit.

Through it all they stuck to their plan. "It's too easy to throw up your hands and say 'I quit,'" Carl said.

The result is the Beiderbecke Inn. It has five guest rooms, three with working fireplaces and all with private baths. Guests share

## OPEN HOUSE

The Beiderbecke Inn, 532 W. 7th St., Davenport, is hosting an open house from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday.

Admission is \$3 a person and \$5 a couple.

the foyer, library, parlor and dining room.

Rates range from \$65 for former maid's quarters to \$115 for the master suite with an en suite marble fireplace and whirlpool bath. The Bix Beiderbecke Room, which rents for \$115, has a balcony and a porch with an unobstructed view of the Centennial Bridge.

All rooms are furnished with authentic Victorian antiques the Gralls hunted at salvage houses and auctions. In the foyer, for example, is a grand piano they bought for \$300 from a woman who wanted it in the home of a family with young children.

It adds the perfect touch to the room, where musical ensembles often entertained at the Beiderbeckes' parties.

Charles Beiderbecke, a wholesale grocer, and his wife, Louise, completed the mansion in 1880. It remained in the Beiderbecke family until the 1930s when it was converted into apartments.

At the suggestion of a friend, the Gralls bought the place for \$12,000 at a tax sale in 1989.

They intended to restore it as a family home but later decided a bed and breakfast inn would be a good use. The couple and their three children will live in the attic rooms.

Like the original owner, Carl also is in the grocery business. He manages frozen foods at the Hy-Vee store on Kimberly Road in Davenport. His wife is a nurse.

They insisted on an authentic restoration. They hired Rock Island architect Tevis Freeman to recreate the home's octagonal turret on the southeast corner. He scaled his drawings by counting the clapboards in an old photo.

Equally tedious was getting financing.

The Gralls got a \$25,000 grant through the Iowa Historic Resource and Development Program. They also got a loan from the Rock Island Bank for the roof, chimneys and tower construction. Firststar Bank of Davenport provided the business loan.

"Bankers will talk to you, but you have to show that you are sincere and what your game plan is," Grall said.

He says he has invested more than \$200,000 in the project so far. More work remains, including finishing exterior painting and adding more architectural details.

"It never ends," Carl said.



Larry Fisher/QUAD-CITY TIMES

The Beiderbecke Inn, 532 W. 7th St., Davenport, has been returned to its Gothic Revival glory by Patti and Carl Grall. The mansion was completed in 1880 for Charles Beiderbecke, grandfather of the legendary Davenport-born jazz cornetist Bix Beiderbecke.



# A FALL FANTASY

at the

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL  
SOUTHEAST IOWA QUESTERS AREA MEETING  
Saturday, October 9, 1993

*A Fall*

*questers*

*Fantasy*

Ottumwa Country Club

304 E. Golf Ave.

Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

Hostesses:

Rippling Waters, Ottumwa

Chief Mahaska, Oskaloosa

Chief Kish-Ke-Kosh, Oskaloosa

*A Fall*

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*Fantasy*

Dorothy  
Curtis







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## Fall Fantasy

Fall Fantasy will be the theme of the Southeast Iowa Area Day, which will be held at the Ottumwa Country Club on October 9. Registration will be from

8:30 to 9:30, with coffee being served at that time.

*Please bring an item for the Treats & Treasures table.*

Seminars from 9:30 to 11:30, with those present choosing two from the following:

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*Pioneer Children Work & Play* ..... Betty Stanley

Lunch will be served from 11:45-12:45. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to visit the Ed Wilkerson home. The Wapello County Museum, which is located in the depot, will be open until 4:00 pm.

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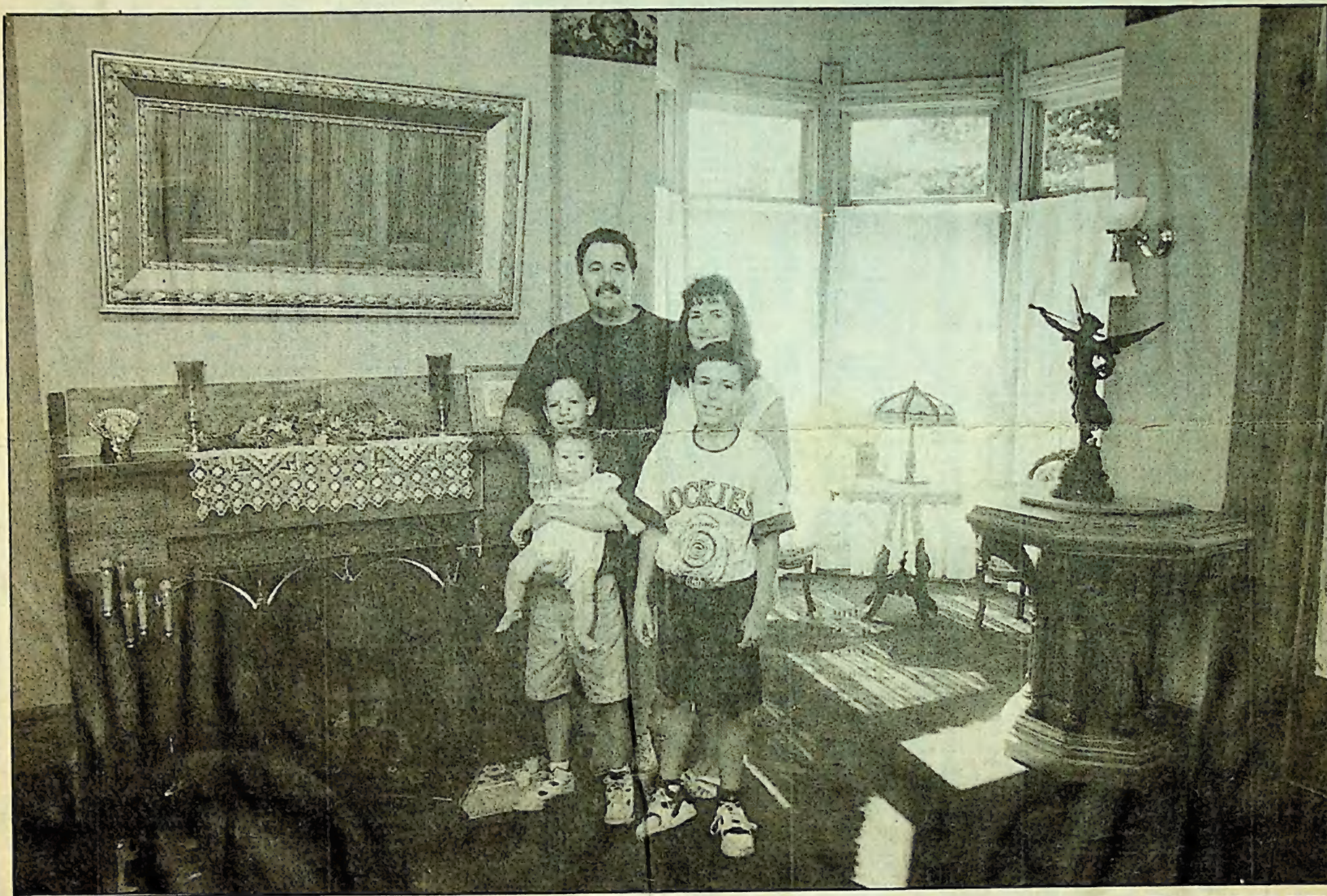
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Iowa Questers Hawkeye





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October 13, 1993

Hostess.....Marqe Johnson

Co-Hostess.....Marlene Lage

MINIATURES/DOLL HOUSES





# The Prairie Market at The Sod House and Harvest Barn

Pine Street  
Long Grove, Iowa  
Fri. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 93 10-7  
Sat. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 93 10-3

Juried Show

Salad Luncheon  
Fri. only  
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Iowa Questers Hawkeye





December 8, 1993

Hostess.....Jeanette Korthaus

Co-Hostess.....Carol Roukey

FAMILY TREASURES







### Questers plan information meeting

An informational meeting for those interested in forming another Questors Club in the area will be held on Wed., Feb. 23. For further information call Sue, 285-7729 or Marlene, 285-9935.

Sod House Questors met at the home of Jeanette Korthaus, Davenport, in December. Mrs. Korthaus presented the program about her family heirlooms.

In January, the group met at the home of Lora Baughman with a program on her nativity collection.

Janet Nagel, Long Grove, was the hostess at the January meeting with 16 in attendance. Betty Spies, rural Eldridge, presented a program on her collection of ladies hats, dating from the late 1800's.

The Feb. 9 meeting was held at the home of Annabelle DeCock, rural Eldridge, with Marian Behrens as hostess.

January 12, 1994

### NATIVITIES

Hostess.....Lora Baughman  
Co-Hostess.....Donna Wessel





February 9, 1994

Hostess.....Janet Nagle  
Co-Hostes.....Susan Schreck







March 9, 1994

SURPRISE

Hostess.....Annabelle DeCock

Co-Hostess.....Marian Behrens





### Brownlie Sod House Questers

The Brownlie Sod House Questers met Wed., March 9, at the home of Annabelle DeCock with Marian Behrens as assistant hostess. Fifteen members were present. Roll call was "Name the First Antique You Acquired."

Following the meeting, the group toured Scott County Library and Sue Sissel told the group about information available at the library on antiques. She showed the group how to use the card catalogue and the computer.

The next meeting will be April 13 at the home of Lois Nagle, Long Grove, with Donna Glover as the assisting hostess.

An informational meeting was held Feb. 23 at the home of Sue Schreck with nine in attendance and a new chapter was formed.





# Welcome ~ Come join us ~ Friends of Eldridge Library

Annual membership fees are :

Student: \$1<sup>00</sup>      Individual: \$3<sup>00</sup>

Sr. Citizen: 2<sup>00</sup>      Family: 5<sup>00</sup>

Sustaining member: 25<sup>00</sup>

Life-time member: 50<sup>00</sup>





March 1994

Our chapter of Questers the  
Brownlie Sod House Chapter  
#1229 helped form a second  
chapter of Questers in the  
North Scott area.

#### New Questers Club formed 1994

A new chapter of "The Questers" was organized March 17 at the home of Sue Hill, Long Grove, by six charter members and two associate members. The group selected "Walnut Grove" as its name.

Phyllis Green was elected president; Fae Harvey, vice-president; Dorothy Lage, secretary; Vera Hansen, treasurer; and Bernice Meyer, historian.

Sue Hill presented an interesting program on her family's antiques and collectibles.

The Questers is an international study group that aims to stimulate the appreciation of antiques and to encourage the preservation of historic landmarks.

The next meeting will be at the home of Vera Hansen on April 5. Anyone desiring more information about the group should call Phyllis Green at 285-4457 or Dorothy Lage, 285-9885.



#### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers met April 5 at the home of Vera Hansen. Roll call was "Name My Favorite Historic Place to Visit."

After a lunch was served, a short business meeting was conducted by vice-president Faye Harvey.

The program included interesting details about Vera Hansen's many collections and family pieces.

Phyllis Green will host the May 3 meeting.

Persons interested in Questers may call Dorothy Lage, 285-9885, or Phyllis Green, at 285-4457.



February 9, 1994

Hostess.....Janet Nagle  
Co-Hostes.....Susan Schreck





# GRANITWARE COFFEE POTS AND TEA POTS



1. Coffee boiler



2. Pit bottom



3. Coffee Pot



4. Windsor Coffee Pot



5. Coffee Biggin



6. Belle Biggin



7. Berlin Biggin



8. Coffee or Chocolate Pot



9. Perculator



10. Tea pot



11. Pekin



and Mikado tea pots



12. Agate Oval teapot



13. Belle teapot



14. Persian teapot



15. Tea Kettle



16. Agate Teakettle



17. Lightning Tea kettle



18. Tea Steeper



May 11, 1994

SHOW AND TELL

Hostess.....Marqe Casel

Co-Hostess.....Helen Muhs







May - June 1994

#### Questers

The Brownlie Sod House Questers met at the home of Marge Casel with 15 members and three guests attending in May.

Marge Casel gave a program on her antiques. Helen Muhs was the assistant hostess and gave an informative report on "Wicker."

The June meeting was held at Inez Stoltenberg's home with 17 members and three guests attending.

New officers installed were: president, Ruby Ferris; vice-president, Helen Muhs; secretary, Annabelle DeCock; treasurer, Janet Nagle.

Inez Stoltenberg gave a history of dolls and showed her collection. Guest speaker was Barb Price, a collector of dolls, from Durant.





# DESIGNER'S NOTEBOOK

By Teri Seidman

More than any time of the year, **wicker** is truly the springtime choice for the light, airy look.



COUNTRY  
Magazine  
Spring 1991

**W**atching the sunset making shadows through your patterned wicker rocker, iced glass in hand, says 'great country living.'

At home, indoors or out, wicker, formerly "wyker," with its friendly, open textures, softens a room of antique or contemporary furniture. Literally, wicker means woven furniture from willow reed, rush, straw, bamboo, raffia, and other dried grasses. Found in Egyptian tombs, even King Tut's, in and out of fashion, reaching enormous popularity in Victorian times, wicker has resurfaced as today's favorite classic.

Prized for their intricate, sensuous handcrafted designs, solid frames, and excellent construction, antique wicker furnishings made before 1900 are works of art and command high prices. After the turn of the century and through the '30s, wicker furniture was often made in sets. Beautiful single pieces are also grand. Seek them in antiques shops, country auction sales and specialty shops.

Established in 1902, Bielecky Bros. remains as standard-bearer in the manufacture of fine-quality wicker for contemporary styles and reproductions of old classics. They also custom finish what may well become tomorrow's heirlooms. To get the look if not the longevity, look for nifty new wicker which literally abounds in great quantities in department stores, emporiums, discount stores and second-hand furniture shops.

Of course, once you are into wicker, you'll discover hundreds of interesting and fascinating accessories such as standing flower boxes, cheval and hanging mirrors, magazines, bath stands, etc. Use a wicker screen as an airy room divider or put a huge flowering green fern on a white wicker plant

stand. Do lots of comparison shopping as you can find bargains if you really get out and search.

The fresh texture of white wicker brings the sparkle of a whitecap to bedrooms and living rooms. With white cotton, white wood and white walls it is especially pristine and crisp, with white dominating to pull together the disparate elements. Add on old quilt or nautical prints for the final touches.

By contrast, wicker spray-painted patent leather black, which many companies will do for an extra charge, makes a strong statement with pillows

of bold floral or geometrics. I designed a white bedroom with black lacquered wood headboard and night tables, using ivory and black flowered sheets. Black wicker chairs, upholstered in black and mattress ticking, looked marvelous on a black and white floral oriental rug resting on white carpeting. The fillip was my client's outstanding oriental art collection.

Of course, things are not always black and white. Paint your wicker any shade selected from your upholstery or rug. Punch up a guest bedroom with a single hot pink wicker chair.

Wicker in toasty natural colors coupled with white duck, terra cotta, sisal matting, granite tables, and greenery create that earthtone palette so wonderful indoors or not.

As you educate your eye to the pleasures of collecting and using wicker, you will discover your own favorites. I particularly like antique French wicker. Two books which provide a rich history of the styles and whimsy of wicker through text and abundant illustrations are: *All About Wicker* by Patricia Corbin, published by E.P. Dutton, and *Collecting and Restoring Wicker Furniture* by Richard Saunders, from Crown Publishers.



Our President, Helen Muhs reviewing the chapters historian, book.





Members enjoying Marge Castel's beautiful house and antiques.







Marge Castel's lovely  
glassware.







Lois Nagle and Dorothy Curtis  
in Marge Castel's summer kitchen.



May 11, 1994

SHOW AND TELL

Hostess.....Marqe Casel

Co-Hostess.....Helen Muhs





Barb Price, from Durant  
with her Dolls was a  
wonderful program in  
June 1994.



Helen Muhs accepting a  
gift from our chapter  
as she passes the gavel  
on to a new president.







*Alexander Brownlie Sod House - 1838*

Notepaper and Envelopes with drawing of Brownlie Sod House built in 1838. These are for our use and for SALE to help with the preservation and restoration of the Sod House.





Helen Muhs retiring president  
installing our new president  
Ruby Ferris, by presenting  
her a pin.



NEW OFFICERS 1994--1995

Left to right:  
Annabelle DeCock--Secretary  
HELEN Muhs Vice- President  
Janet Nagle-- Treasurer  
Ruby Ferris--President



SEPT. 14, 1994

GLASSWARE

HOSTESS.....MARLENE LAGE

CO-HOSTESS.....CAROL ROUKEY



Ruby Ferris, President,  
presenting Marlene Lage  
with plaque stating it is  
an Iowa Historic Site and  
is listed in the National  
Register of Historic Places.







Marlene Lage presented a very detailed program about her glassware.

#### Brownlie Sod House Questers

Brownlie Sod House Questers, Chapter #1229, Questers met Wed., Sept. 14, at Marlene Lage's home. Carol Roukey was her co-hostess.

The meeting was called to order by president Ruby Ferris and roll call "What help can I offer with the restoration of Brownlie Sod House?" was answered by 17 members and four guests.

The S.E. Area meeting is in Keokuk, Oct. 8.

The Questers presented Marlene Lage with a plaque for the sod house, stating that it is an Iowa Historic Site and the property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The next meeting will be Wed., Oct. 12, at Helen Muhs' home.







Quester members studying glassware and taking a quiz about identifying different kinds of glassware.



## GLASSWARE DEFINITIONS

- |                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Lemon dish              | flat plate w/h handles         |
| 2. Mineral                 | small decorated glass          |
| 3. Custard                 | small cup                      |
| 4. Cabaret                 | like veg. dish                 |
| 5. celery                  | long narrow flat               |
| 6. pousse-Cafe             | little wine sipper             |
| 7. Mustard or marmalade    | small glass "jar"              |
| 8. Jelly                   | footed small flared<br>compote |
| 9. Salver                  | footed cake plate              |
| 10. Nappy                  | small fruit bowl               |
| 11. Comport                | like compote                   |
| 12. Sham                   | flared tumbler                 |
| 13. Vase                   |                                |
| 14. Mahjongg               | like sherbert dish<br>on plate |
| 15. Footed Almond          | individual nut<br>server       |
| 16. Ice tub                | ice tub                        |
| 17. Ice cream              | flat square shallow<br>plate   |
| 18. Sherbert               |                                |
| 19. Salt-footed individual |                                |
| 20. Custard Plate          | small round dish               |





*A Step Back  
in Time*  
*Celebrating our 50th Year*

**TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL  
SOUTHEAST IOWA QUESTERS AREA  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 8, 1995  
KEOKUK COUNTRY CLUB  
3318 MIDDLE ROAD**

**HOSTED BY:**

**MAW-WAIQUOI #411 • KALAWEQUOIS  
ANTIQUERS # 284 • STEAMBOAT LADIES  
ORCHARD CITY #1206 • SHO-QUO-QUO  
CHAIRPERSONS JUNE GUDGEL, MILLIE MEDLEY, D**





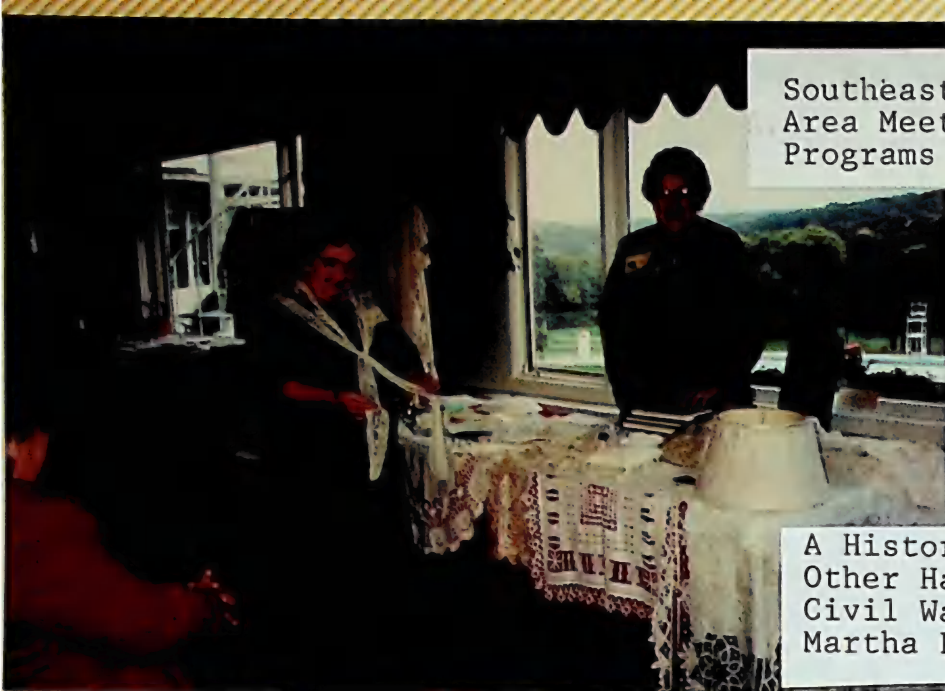


Chairpersons June Gudgel  
Millie Medley, Dorothy Butler  
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Keokuk Country Club.



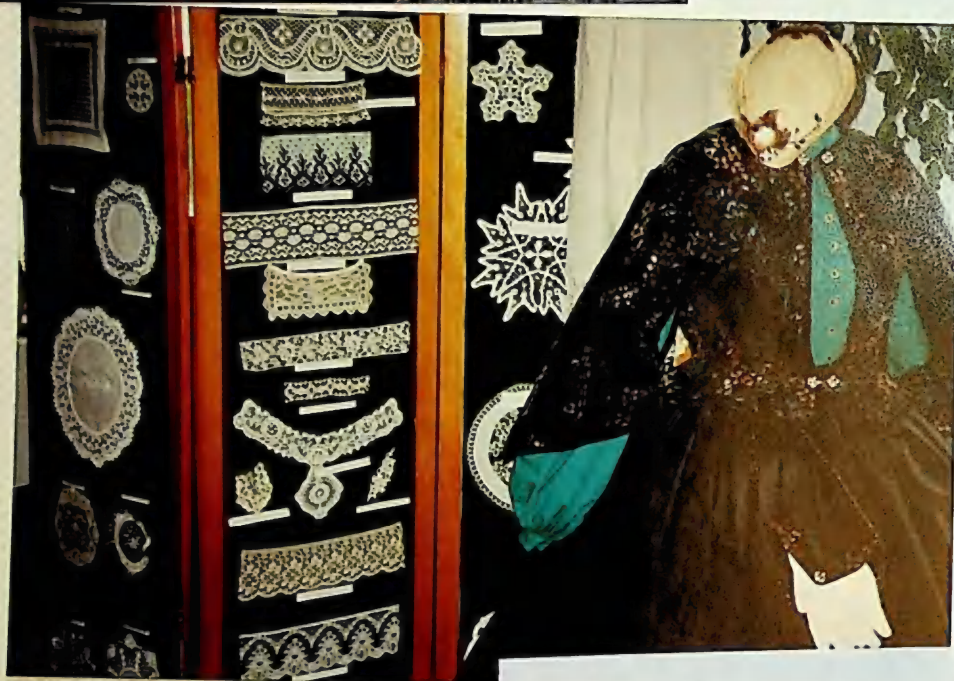
Ruby Ferris  
Brownlie Sod House  
#1229  
Walcott





Southeast Iowa Questers  
Area Meeting.  
Programs presented.

A History of Lace and  
Other Handwork in the  
Civil War Period by  
Martha Perry



Rings and Lace By  
Elly Wachter







What She Wore - Civil War Dressing  
By Mary Beth Cochran







Marlene Lage presented a very detailed program about her glassware.

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The meeting was called to order by president Ruby Ferris and roll call "What help can I offer with the restoration of Brownlie Sod House?" was answered by 17 members and four guests.

The S.E. Area meeting is in Keokuk, Oct. 8.

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OCT. 12, 1994.....ANTIQUE CRAFTS  
 HOSTESS.....HELEN MUHS  
 CO-HOSTESS.....DOROTHY CURTIS

#### Brownlie Sod House Questers

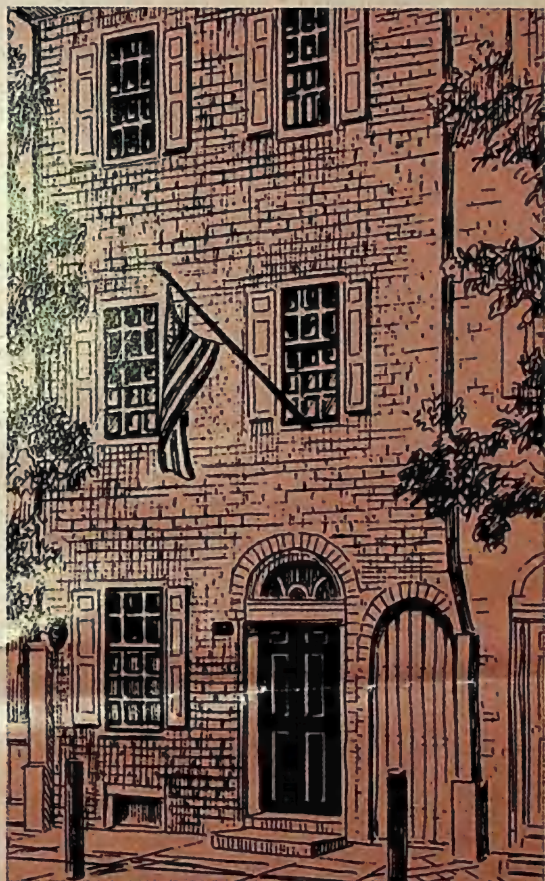
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Roll call, "Old Fashion Etiquette," was answered by 13 members.

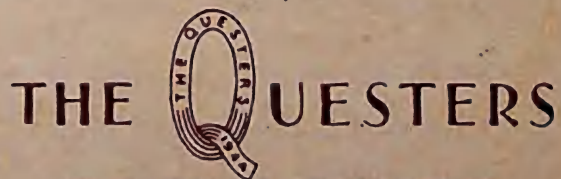
Five members that attended the S.E. Questers meeting in Keokuk, told about the seminars.

Helen Muhs showed several different kinds of antique crafts.

The next meeting will be Wed., Nov. 9, at Marian Behrens' home.



HEADQUARTERS



"Its Fun to Search and a Joy to Find"

Oct 21 - 9:30  
 Helen Muhs - 285-4108  
 23150 - 145<sup>th</sup> Ave  
 2nd crossroad west of Eld.  
 3/4 mile south



Helen Muhs  
 in front of her home



Helen Muhs - Hostess  
 Dorothy Curtis - Co-Hostess





Helen Muhs  
Program - Antique crafts





NOVEMBER 9, 1994.....QUILTS THRU THE YEARS  
AND DATING FABRICS.  
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CO-HOSTESS.....Marlene Lage

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Marian Behrens  
program on quilts and fabrics







Marian Behrens giving a very interesting program on quilts and fabrics.







Quester members enjoying a members family heirloom quilt.



Jeannette Korthaus and Leila Rekemeyer made this beautiful arrangement for the Festival of Trees exhibit "Christmas, a Time to Remember" Sponsor, Alexander Brownlie Sod House.



DECEMBER 14, 1994 .....SLEDS AND SLEIGHS  
HOSTESS.....Bev Keppy  
CO-HOSTESS.....Sandy Brus

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The Brownlie Sod House Questers, Chapter #1229, met Wed., Dec. 14, at Bev Keppy's home with Sandy Brus as co-hostess.

Eighteen members and one guest answered roll call by telling "What They Would Like To Do or What They Already Do That's Special at Christmas."

Bev and Jack Keppy showed and explained about different sleighs, sleigh bells and sleds.

The hostess had her Christmas tree decorated with old Christmas ornaments that she had acquired from relatives. Santa's elf, Marlene Lage, had a gift for everyone.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 11, at Eunice McCubbin's home.



Jack Keppy explained how they collected their sleighs and described them.



Bev. Keppy in front of her Christmas tree, which was decorated with old family Christmas ornaments.



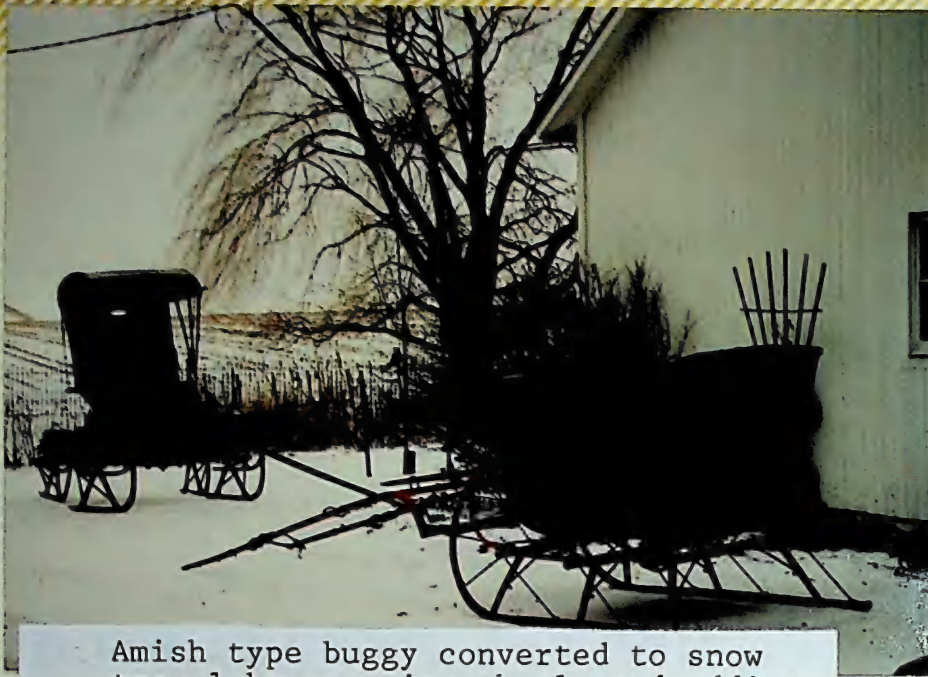


Jack and Bev Keppy's  
beautiful collection of  
sleighs



An old sleigh blanket from Bev's  
Great Grandparents





Amish type buggy converted to snow travel by removing wheels and adding Bob sled style runners (On left)  
On right- Portland cutter--made in Portland, Maine.



Old "handmade" cutter decked out for Holidays to welcome guests.



Bev Keppy and Marlene Lage.  
Marlene surprised us all with her so-called garage sale gifts for each of us. What a thoughtful gal!





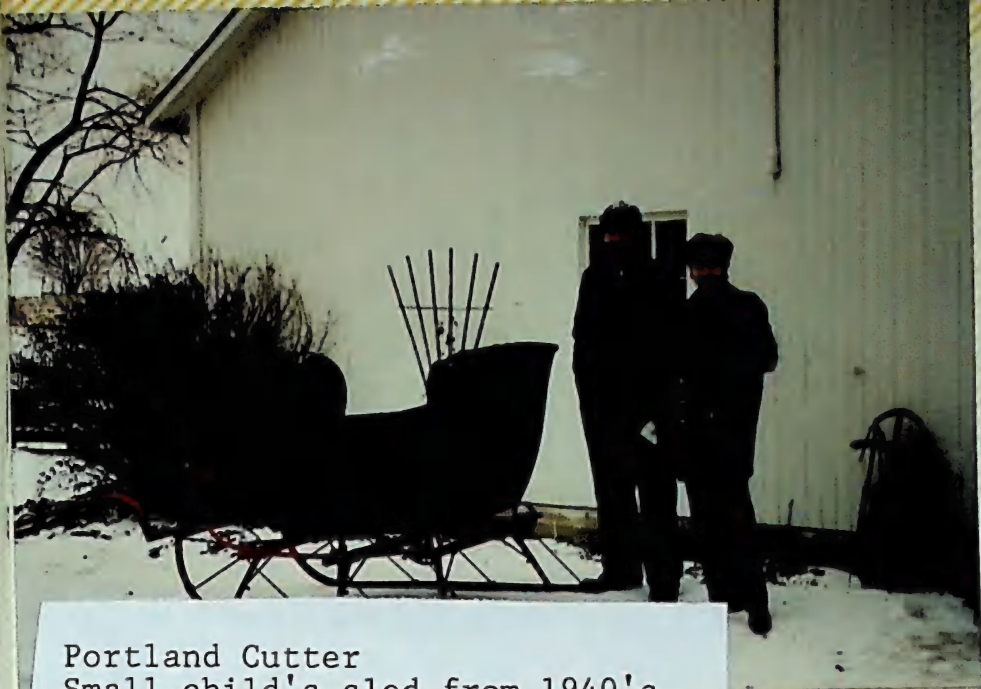
Antique ornaments from Bev's Grandmother and Great Grandparents and Great Aunts. Many from turn-of-the century and rest from 20's, 30's and 40's.



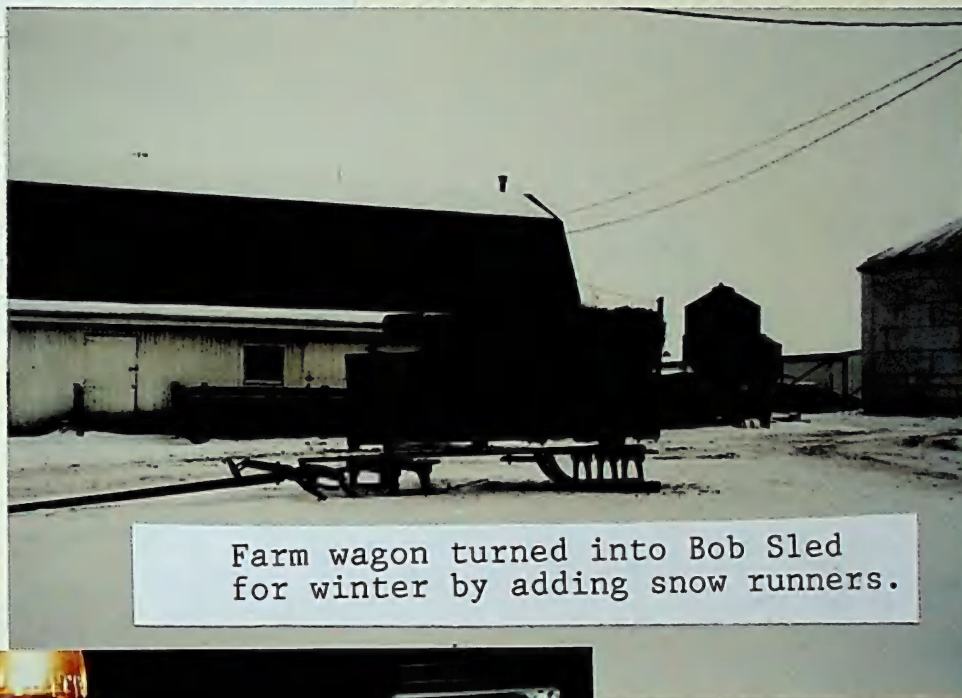
Two Albany Cutters, reminiscent of "Currier and Ives" sleighs in their prints.







Portland Cutter  
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Dec. 14, 1994



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Members Janet Nagle, Donna Glover,  
Dorothy Curtis, Guest Mrs. Zurberg  
Helen Muhs and Sandy Brus.



Ruby Ferris, Jeanette Korthaus  
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Bernie Peters showing his "History of the Indians" slides.



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Feb-1995



Donna Glover and Bernie Peters  
Notice her charming antiques.



Hostess Donna Glover by Bernie's  
beautiful collection of Indian artifacts.

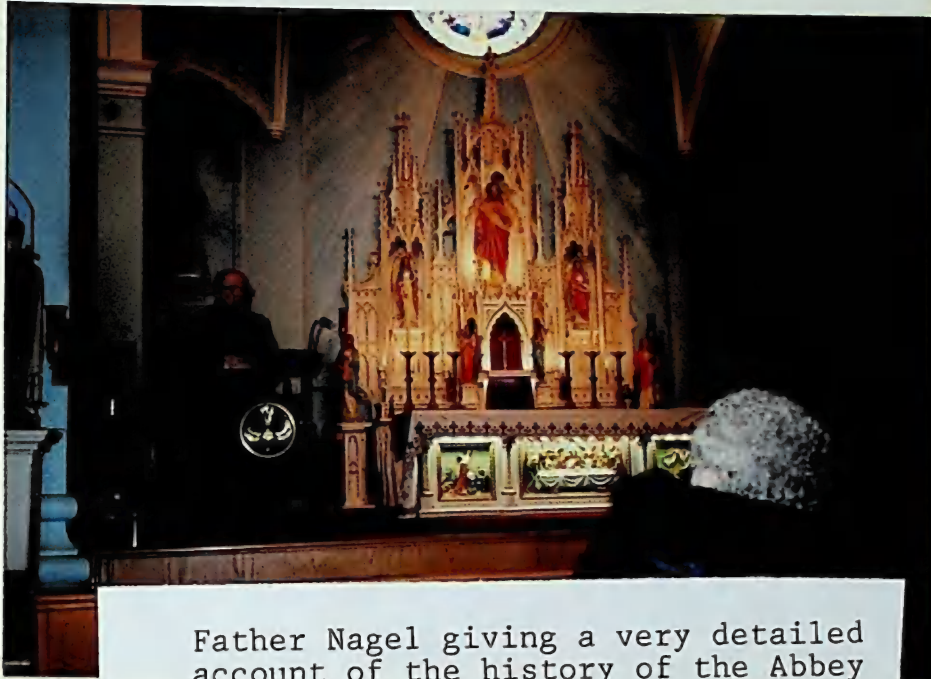


### Brownlie Sod House Questers

The Brownlie Sod House Questers #1229 met in March at the Abby Hotel in Bettendorf. Fifteen members were present with Carol Roukey as hostess. Father Nagel gave a very informative history on "The Abby."

The April meeting will be at the home of Janet Nagle.

MARCH 8, 1995.....TOUR "ABBEY HOTEL"  
HOSTESS.....Carol Roukey  
CO-HOSTESS.....Jean Carlin



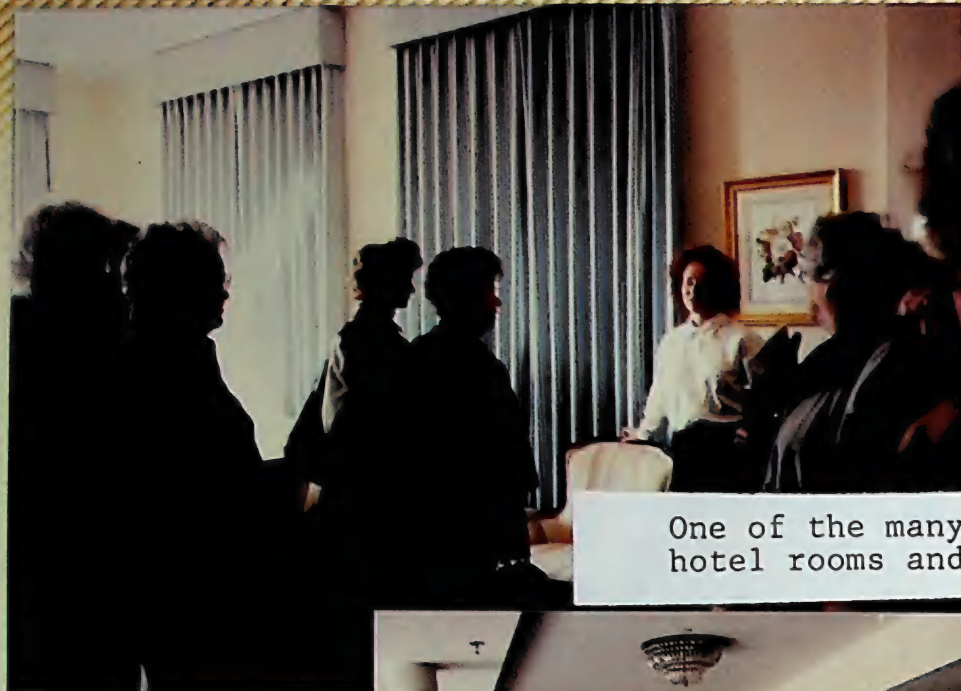
Father Nagel giving a very detailed account of the history of the Abbey and the Carmelite Sisters in front of the very beautiful altar.



Father Nagel showed us the Sister's very small room, approximately 10x10, with the windows covered.

We enjoyed roaming the Abbey and entered where the Sisters were cloistered.





March  
1995

One of the many beautiful  
hotel rooms and a tour guide.



There were several Questers present  
for the brunch Carol Roukey provided.



The exterior of the Abbey Hotel.  
Notice the former swimming pool  
which was built by the former  
owners, Franciscan Brothers.  
The pool is filled in now, however.





## Brownlie Sod House # 1229

Sod houses have long since disappeared from Iowa prairies, but miraculously a type of one in an apparent near-perfect state of preservation has been found in Long Grove in Scott County.

The Alexander Brownlie Sod House was built in 1838 by three Brownlie brothers who came from Scotland, by way of Canada, to Long Grove to settle. Alexander, being a stone mason by trade, probably accounts for the unique method of building with the materials at hand. The sod was formed into adobe-like bricks by mixing the sod with prairie grass and putting it into a handmade wooden form, drying, and then using as a bricklayer would today. It would have been covered by the next year with clapboard siding to protect it from the elements. The inside walls are covered with the original plaster. As the family grew, two additions were added, the first about 1860 and the next one about 1890. It now stands as it was in the 1860's.

The Brownlies were most prominent, James being the first minister of the Long Grove Christian Church, for which the Brownlies donated the land. The first church services were held in the sod house until a church was built.

There have been but three families of ownership of this property; Brownlies until 1906, Martens from 1906-1933, and Lages from 1933 to the present. The Lages had been told the house was built of logs, and as demolition was about to begin, a board was removed from an inside doorway, thereby exposing the sod wall. Plans changed! Demolition ceased, an architect was consulted, research began, decisions were made, and finally new plans began.

The house needs to be functional. Without heat or plumbing, the best solution for use seemed to be to host an annual *Prairie Market at the Sod House*. This event features the Sod House for its architectural, historical, and educational value, as well as promoting the heritage crafts of many local artisans.

The nearby barn, of the same era, and constructed of hand hewn beams and wooden pegs, is also utilized for demonstrations at this event. For additional information call Marlene Lage at 319/285-9935.

In September, 1992, when Chapter #1229 held its first meeting in this house, it seemed only fitting to select the Brownlie Sod House as the name, as well as our local project.

—Marlene Lage



## Chapter News

*Brownlie Sod House President Ruby Ferris is shown presenting Marlene Lage with a bronze plaque from the Chapter. This is in honor of the house being named to the National Register of Historic Places.*

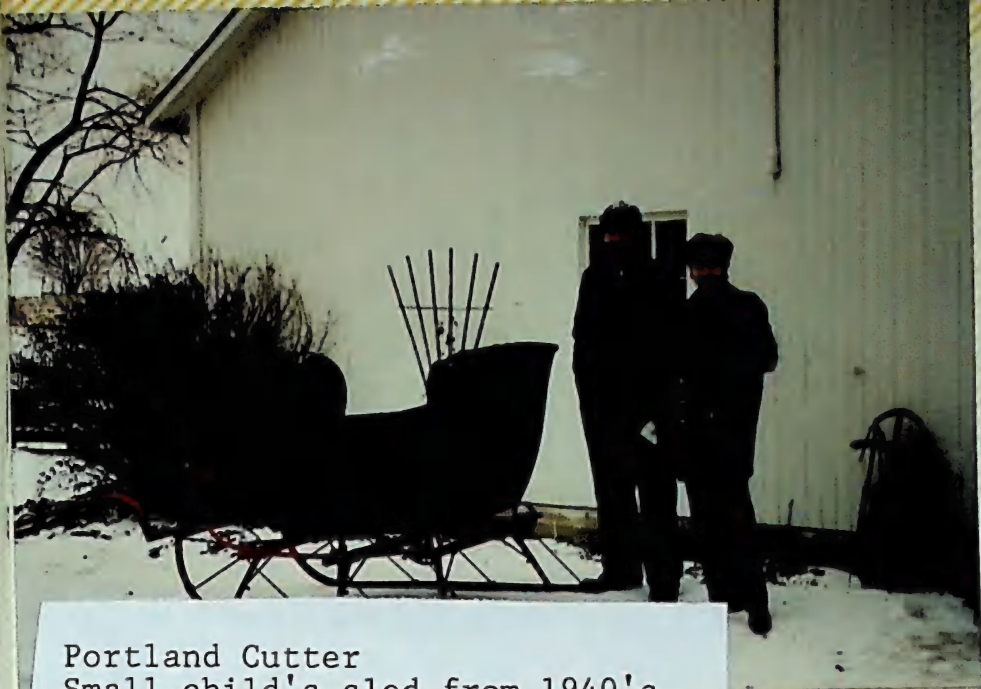


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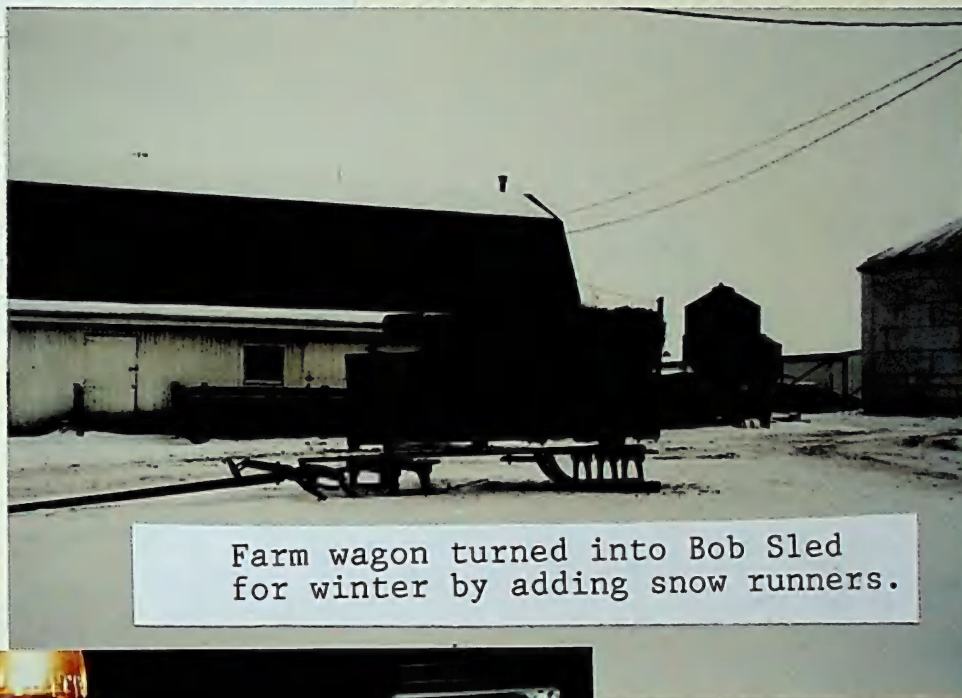


Questers State Day  
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## Seminar 1

### *Letters from the Civil War*

by June Ware

June is well known for her work in genealogy and has a collection of letters between family members from before the Civil War through the years a family member spent in the war. Her presentation will be based on these letters, as she reads from them and tells the history of the family.



## Iowa Questers



Iowa Questers State Day 1995 will be hosted by the following Quester Chapters: Rippling Waters, Ottumwa; Chief Mahaska, Oskaloosa; Chief Kish-Ke-Kosh, Oskaloosa; Log Cabin, Washington; Martha Washington, Washington; Chilcote, Washington; William Henry Coop, Fairfield; and Bonnifield, Fairfield.

We remind you to bring an item for Treats and Treasures table, articles suitable for the Opportunity Drawing or door prizes. Please remember your Historian's Scrapbooks and Chapter Yearbooks to put on display.

Indian Hills Community College is located at 525 Grandview Avenue. Carter Avenue will also take you to Indian Hills Campus. These two streets are a block apart and run East off North Court Street which runs completely through Ottumwa from North to South. Coming into Ottumwa from the North on Hwy. 63, turn left on Court at the second stop light and follow Court to either Carter or Grandview. Coming in from the South, East or West, take Hwy. 63 to the stoplight at Glenwood, turn right to Court and then left on Court to either Carter or Grandview Avenue.

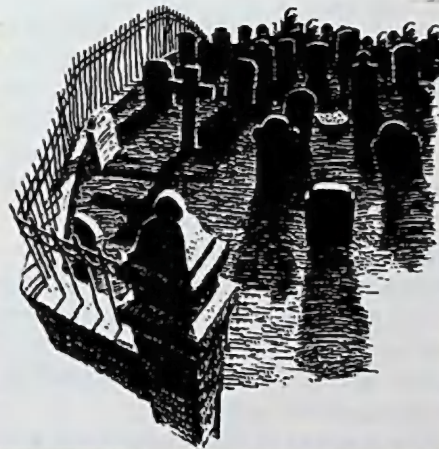
For further information contact Ed or Shirley Wilkerson, 1360 Bluegrass Road, Ottumwa, IA 52501, 515/682-5653.

## Seminar 2

### *Cemetery History*

by Loren Horton

Loren is a state historical expert who willingly shares his expertise with all. An instructor at Indian Hills Community College, Horton also travels with Iowa Wesleyan *Eye on Iowa* summer course. His talk will focus on cemetery history and headstone language.

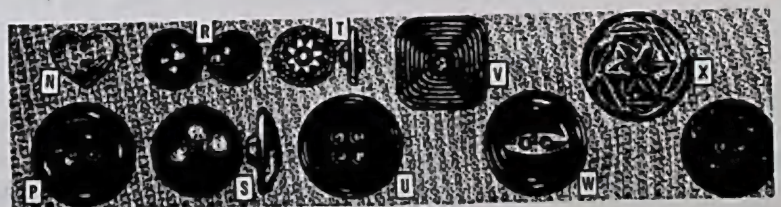


## Seminar 3

### *Buttons*

by Norma Dunbar

Norma is a longtime button collector with an extensive collection. She will discuss the history of buttons and display oddities within the field.







Our group from Brownlie's was well represented at State Day in Ottumwa, IA on April 1, 1995. Carol Roukey, Helen Muhs, Ruby Ferris, Pres., Marlene Lage, Marge Johnson and Donna Glover.



The group enjoyed a tour through this Historic home.



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 Helen Muhs.....V. Pres.  
 Dorothy Curtis ...Sec'y  
 Janet Nagle.... Treas.



Our newest member, Mrs. Zurborg,  
 Ruby Ferris, Marian Behrens and  
 guest, Barb Mohr.





MAY 10, 1995.....CROCKERY  
HOSTESS.....Jeanette Korthaus  
CO-HOSTESS.....Inez Stoltenberg

The May Questers' meeting was held at the home of Jeanette Korthaus with Inez Stoltenberg as assistant hostess. "Crockery" and its history was presented by Jeanette Korthaus. She displayed many pieces and gave informative and interesting information.

Walnut Grove Chapter #1251 Questers will entertain the Brownlie Chapter #1229 at an "Appreciation High Tea" on June 14 at 11 a.m. at the Ice Cream Parlor, Walnut Grove Pioneer Village of Scott County Park. Please RSVP to Bernice Meier (319) 386-8020.



Jeanette giving her very informative meeting on crockery. What a wonderful collection!



Jeanette's beautiful home and arrangement.



JUNE 14, 1995.....GLASSWARE  
HOSTESS.....Sandy Ewoy Brus  
at Walnut Grove Ice cream Parlor.

# **Brownlie Sod House Questers #1229**

Fourteen members of the Brownlie Sod House Questers #1229 met at 9:30 a.m. on June 14 at the Walnut Grove Pioneer Village. Sandy Brus served as hostess.

Officers installed for the 1995-96 year were: Ruby Ferris, president; Helen Muhs, vice-president; Dorothy Curtis, secretary; and Janet Nagle, treasurer.

Sandy Brus gave an informative program on "Art Glass." She displayed many interesting pieces from her collection.

Following the meeting, the group was invited to attend a tea hosted by Walnut Grove Questers #1251. Using flowers, linens and fine china, the Walnut Grove Questers transformed the Pioneer Village Ice Cream Parlor into a lovely tea room.

Phyllis Green presided over the brief program and introduced Cherry Sparks, past-president of Questers International.

The beautiful sunny weather, the delightful refreshments, and the warmth and hospitality of Quester friends were enjoyed by everyone.



Helen Muhs admiring the  
Historian's book and the  
basket of garden flowers.

Marlene Lage  
Cherry Sparks  
Berniece Meier  
Vera Hansen  
Phyllis Green







High Tea - Bernice Meier, Betty Spies and Dorothy Lagy (left to right) enjoy high tea with the Walnut Grove Questers. The Questers preserve, restore and study antiques.

NSP Photo by Tory Brecht

## *Questers pitch in to restore area's heritage*

by Tory Brecht

The restored ice cream parlor in the Pioneer Village of Walnut Grove sparkles with fine china and delicate glassware.

The tables are set with care, each silver teaspoon aligned perfectly with dainty saucers and teacups.

The scene is a high tea, a rare event in these parts, but one taken very seriously by the ladies of the Walnut Grove Questers organization.

The tea is being held for another Questers' chapter, the Brownlie Sod House Questers, as a thank you. The Brownlie Questers helped organize the Walnut Grove group.

According to Phyllis Green of Eldridge, the purpose of the Questers is the preservation and restoration, as well as study and appreciation of antiques.

All the fine place settings, pitchers and silverware at the tea are from the antique collections of the Questers.

"What constitutes a high tea is the time of the day and the elegance of the setting," Green said. "We will be serving hand-dipped strawberries, hand-dipped dried fruit and delicate breads, as well as tea."

The Walnut Grove chapter, which spends much of its time volunteering at the restored village, consists of 16 members from throughout the county.



The Brownlie Sod House Questers #1229  
were thoroughly impressed and appreciative  
of the High Tea given for them by  
The Walnut Grove Questers #1221.

There were small tables decorated  
in the members finest china, silverware,  
glassware and linens. The fresh spring  
flowers of peonies, foxglove, daisies  
and lilies decorated each table.

The food was exquisite, tiny avocado  
and philly cream sandwiches, cream  
puffs with tuna salad, nut bread,  
chocolate dipped apricots and  
strawberries. Also pound cake, tea  
and decorated sugar cubes



Walnut Grove



Brownlie  
Sod House



Walnut Grove Questers

Fae Harvey  
Berniece Meier  
Jean Staggs



Questers at  
High tea.

Barb Schnoor  
Jeanette Korthaus  
Dorothy Lage  
Donna Glover  
Dorothy Curtis  
Vera Hansen  
Mary Feuerbach  
Carol Roukey



Lucia Friederichs  
Dorothy Curtis  
Sue Hill  
Janet Nagle



Ruby Ferris  
Helen Muhs  
Eunice McCubbin  
Sandy Brus  
Sue Hill  
Janet Nagle





SEPTEMBER 13, 1995....."A FAVORITE FAMILY ANTIQUE"  
HOSTESS.....Mary Feuerbach  
CO-HOSTESS.....Carol Roukey

#### Questers

Questers meeting of the Brownlie Sod House Chapter #1229 was held on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at the home of Mary Feuerbach, Moline, Ill., with Carol Roukey as assisting hostess. Fourteen members were present, and roll call was "A Favorite Family Antique."

Mary presented an interesting program on "Quimper Pottery."

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 11 at the home of Helen Muhs with Donna Glover as co-hostess. Roll call will be "Name An Old China Pattern I Admire."



Mary Feuerbach's home which they have restored in Moline, Illinois.





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## Victoriana:

### Linen, Glass, and Manners

The SE Area Day will be held on Saturday, October 7th at the University Athletic Club, 1360 Melrose Ave., Iowa City.

8:30 - 9:30 ..... Registration, coffee & rolls

8:45 - 9:30 ..... President's workshop - VIP Room

9:30 - 10:00 ..... Iowa City Glass —Joanne Hemingway

10:15 - 10:45 ..... Turkey Red Antique Textiles —Colette Pogue

11:00 - 11:30 ..... How to be a Perfect Lady (Nineteenth Century Etiquette)—Mrs. Vern W. Reeder

A short business meeting will follow the noon luncheon. There will be two guided afternoon tours: 1) The 1800 historic Bohemian North-end Goosetown walking tour. 2) The 1900 Edwardian architecture Bed and Breakfast home of Clarence and Dorothy Haverkamp at 619 North Linn Street.

You may also wish to discover the museums, shops, and treasures Iowa City has to offer such as Old Capitol, Johnson County Heritage Museum in Coralville, Plum Grove (Home of Iowa's first Governor), The University of Iowa Museum of Art, and the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch. Wear walking shoes! (cont p2)

Iowa Questers Hawkey



## Victoriana

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October 7---University Athletic Club---Iowa City

### Questers Southeast Area Day

Registration 8:30a.m. to 9:30a.m.

President's Meeting 8:45a.m. to 9:15a.m.

#### Morning Seminar Schedule

Linen 9:30 to 10:00

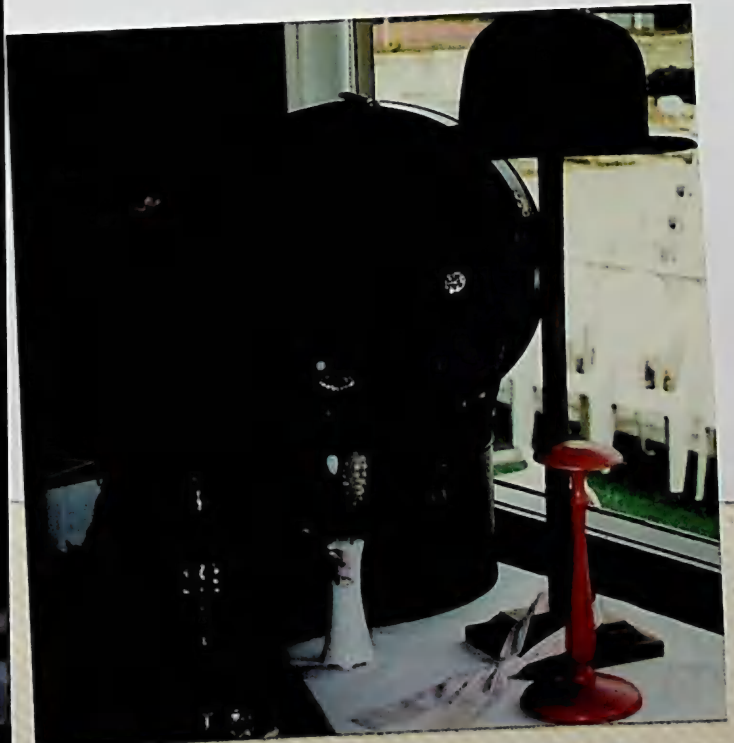
Glass 10:15 to 10:45

Manners 11:00 to 11:30

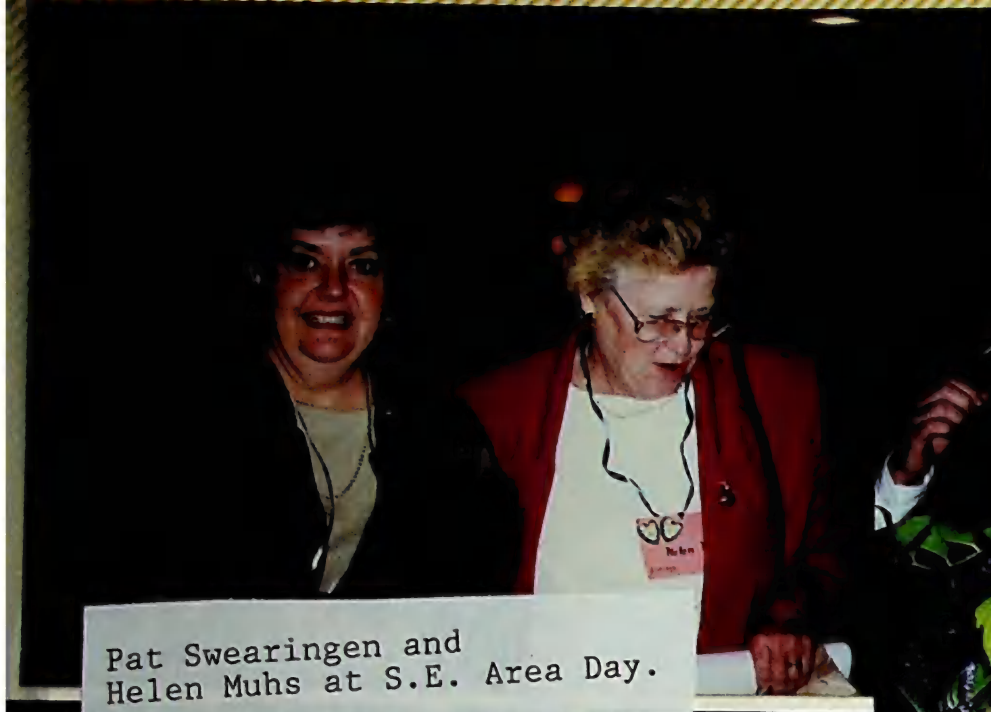
Lunch.....12 Noon

followed by the business meeting and tours

## Notes







Pat Swearingen and  
Helen Muhs at S.E. Area Day.



LINENS AND GLASSWARE  
EXHIBITS AT Quester's  
SOUTHEAST AREA DAY



EXHIBITS AT QUESTER'S  
SOUTHEAST AREA DAY



The Victorian Parlor



OCTOBER 11, 1995.....Rose Medallion  
HOSTESS.....Helen Muhs  
CO-HOSTESS.....Donna Glover

#### Questers

The Brownlie Sod House Chapter #1229 met at the home of Helen Muhs on Oct. 11 with Donna Glover as co-hostess.

President Ruby Ferris presided at the meeting with 11 members present. Reports were given by Dorothy Curtis and Helen Muhs on the Southeast Area Day held in Iowa City.

An interesting program was given by Helen Muhs on "Rose Medallion".

The Nov. 8 meeting will be at the home of Lois Nagle.



Helen Muhs, Hostess, with her mother's collection of Rose Medallion.



Helen's beautiful home of antiques.



NOVEMBER 8, 1995....."OCCUPIED JAPAN"  
 HOSTESS.....Lois Nagle  
 CO-HOSTESS.....Norma Zurborg



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The Brownlie Sod House Chapter #1229 Questers met at the home of Lois Nagle on Nov. 8 with 11 members and one guest present. Norma Zurborg assisted as co-hostess.

Ruby Ferris presided at the meeting, and it was decided to accept the offer from the Walnut Grove Questers to consider involvement in the sesquicentennial parade.

Lois Nagle presented an interesting program on "Occupied Japan" with an emphasis on child figurines.

The next meeting will be Dec. 13 at the home of Marian Behrens.

Lois Nagle giving her presentation on her collection of Occupied Japan figurines



Lois Nagle's Occupied Japan figurines



Member Dorothy Curtis, sec'y, under a shelf of Lois's dolls



DECEMBER 13, 1995.....Christmas cards  
HOSTESS.....Marian Behrens  
CO-HOSTESS.....Sandy Brus

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Helen Muhs and Dorothy Curtis will be the committee from this group to work with the Walnut Grove Chapter on having a float for the Iowa Sesquicentennial in May.

The local project will include purchasing a light fixture for the Sod House.

Marian Behrens gave an interesting program on Christmas cards, from the first one in 1843 to present time. The history, themes, popularity, methods of presentations, and changes were well defined.

The Jan. 10 meeting will be in the home of Jeanette Korthaus.





JANUARY 10, 1996.....ECLECTIC READERS  
and CHILDREN'S  
BOOKS

HOSTESS.....Jeanette Korthaus  
CO-HOSTESS.....Inez Stoltenberg



#### Brownlie Sod House Questers

Thirteen members of the Brownlie Sod House Questers met Wednesday, Jan. 10 at the home of Jeanette Korthaus with Inez Stoltenberg as assistant hostess. Roll call was "Share A Country School Experience."

Members enjoyed an interesting program on eclectic readers and books for children.

A get well card was signed by members for Marlene Lage.

The next meeting will be Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Ruby Ferris with Eunice McCubbin as co-hostess.





FEBRUARY 14, 1996.....OIL LAMPS and THEIR ORIGIN  
 HOSTESS.....Ruby Ferris  
 CO-HOSESSS.....Eunice McCubbin



#### Brownlie Sod House Questers

Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 met on Feb. 14 at the home of Ruby Ferris with Eunice McCubbin as assistant hostess. Fifteen members were present and answered the roll call, "What Lights Your Way?"

Guest Juanita Ferris presented an interesting program on "Oil Lamps and Their Origin."

The chapter will donate \$50 for the Sesqui-centennial float.

The March meeting will be in the home of Dorothy Curtis with Marge Casel as assistant hostess. The program will be a vintage clothing style show.



Ruby Ferris by her copper collection and antique hanging lamp.

#### Brownlie Sod House Questers

The Brownlie Sod House Quester Chapter #1229 met March 13 at the home of Dorothy Curtis, Donahue, with Marge Casel assisting. Thirteen members and guests, Ardel Kraft, Frieda Pohlmann and Maurcen Fralik, answered the roll call, "What I Remember Most About Mama's Wardrobe."

Members were reminded that membership dues are now due. After the business meeting, a Victorian style show and a six-course luncheon was enjoyed.

The nominating committee includes: Marian Behrens, president; Donna Glover, vice-president; Dorothy Curtis, secretary; and Inez Stoltenberg, treasurer.

The state meeting will be held April 20 in Iowa Falls with reservations due by March 31.

The next meeting will be held on April 10 at the home of Donna Glover with Helen Muhs assisting. Roll call will be "A Kitchen Collectible I Enjoy."



MARCH 13, 1996 .....VINTAGE CLOTHING STYLE SHOW  
 HOSTESS.....Dorothy Curtis  
 CO-HOSTESS.....,Marge Castel





**Victorian Tea Party** - Brownlie Sod House Questers were treated to a Victorian tea party at the home of Dorothy (Mrs. Robert) Curtis, and these modern-day models showed off some Victorian clothing from the 1890s era. Models were, (l-r): Katherine Webster, Wendy Kraft and Lori Curtis. Contributed Photo

## Victorian tea party held in Donahue

For a short moment in time, members of the Brownlie Sod House Questers, Chapter #1229, were transported back into the elegant Victorian-age of the 1890s.

Dorothy (Mrs. Robert) Curtis opened her Donahue home for her guests on March 13, and she and her co-hostess, Marge Casel of Long Grove, served as the gracious hostesses.

Guests and members were greeted at the door by Shawn Manley, who served as the butler, and after Victorian calling cards were presented, the 14 guests were seated.

Guests, who are not members of the Questers group, included Ardel Kraft of Dixon, and two members of the Victorian Tea Society, Lady Freda Pohlmann, Blue Grass, and Duchess Maurine Fralik of Wilton.

The style show, which followed a short business meeting, featured Victorian clothing from a private collection of Wendy Kraft, Davenport, and Lori Curtis and Katherine Webster, Donahue. The owners modeled the clothing which were presented in vignettes of the Victorian era.

The six-course luncheon, served by the

hostesses, included hand-dipped strawberries, petit fours and the use of finger bowls.

The guests received gifts of Victorian poetry and lavender sachets as they departed.

The Questers is an international study group which was formed in 1944 to stimulate the appreciation of antiques. The group also encourages the preservation of historical landmarks.

The Brownlie Sod House Questers volunteer their time to raise funds for the restoration of the Brownlie Sod House in Long Grove.



MENU

Victorian  
Luncheon



Inez  
Stoltenberg







Wendy Kraft  
model



Lori Curtis, model

## Victorian Tea Party

The home of Dorothy Curtis of Donahue was the setting for a day of Victorian elegance, for the members of the Brownlie Sod House Questers, Chapter #1229.

Upon presenting their Victorian calling cards to butler Shawn Manley, members were seated. Guests of the chapter included Ardel Kraft of Dixon and two members of the Victorian Tea Society, Lady Freda Pohlman of Blue Grass and Duchess Maurine Fralik of Wilton.

A short business meeting was followed by a style show, featuring Victorian clothing from the private collections of Wendy Kraft of Davenport and Lori Curtis and Katherine Webster of Donahue. Vignettes of the Victorian era showcased the clothing and costumes, which were modeled by the owners. A six course luncheon, served by Dorothy Curtis and her co-hostess, Marge Casel of Long Grove, featured hand-dipped strawberries, petit fours, and, of course, finger bowls. Gifts of Victorian poetry and lavender sachets were given to guests as they departed.



Lori Curtis and Katherine Webster, models.



SEPTEMBER 13, 1995....."A FAVORITE FAMILY ANTIQUE"  
HOSTESS.....Mary Feuerbach  
CO-HOSTESS.....Carol Roukey

#### Questers

Questers meeting of the Brownlie Sod House Chapter #1229 was held on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at the home of Mary Feuerbach, Moline, Ill., with Carol Roukey as assisting hostess. Fourteen members were present, and roll call was "A Favorite Family Antique."

Mary presented an interesting program on "Quimper Pottery."

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 11 at the home of Helen Muhs with Donna Glover as co-hostess. Roll call will be "Name An Old China Pattern I Admire."



Mary Feuerbach's home which they have restored in Moline, Illinois.



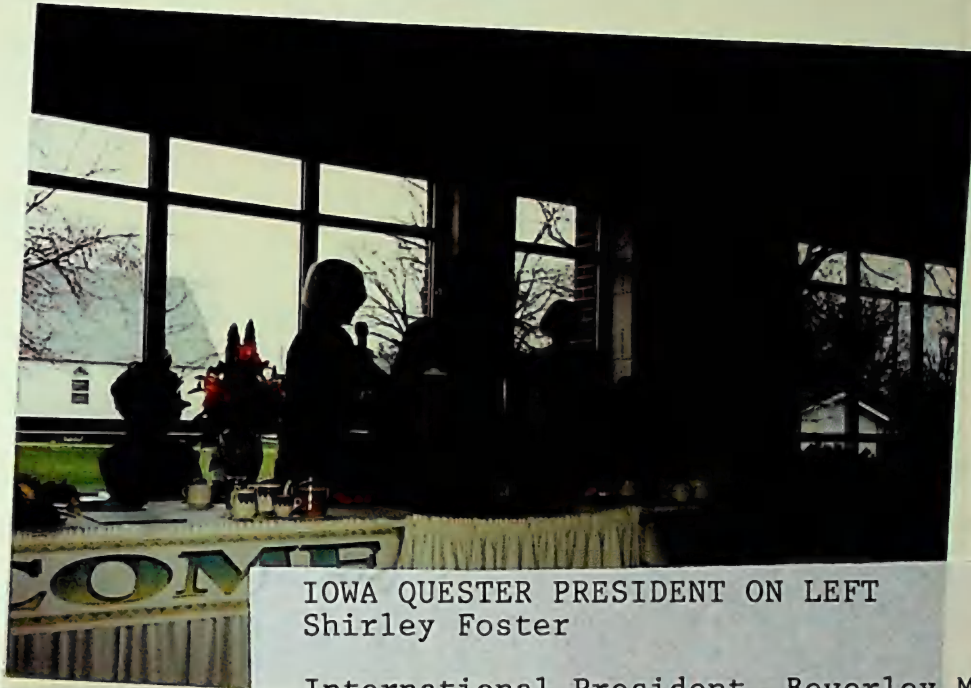


Displays at State Questers Day  
April 20, 1996





# Heart of the Home



IOWA QUESTER PRESIDENT ON LEFT  
Shirley Foster

International President, Beverley Milne  
installing new state officers  
(by podium)

## Questers State Day Iowa Falls, Iowa April 20, 1996



Quester's State Day  
Dorothy Curtis, Ruby Ferris, Helen Muhs  
and Inez Stoltenberg attended.







QUESTERS STATE DAY.....April 20, 1996  
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### ***Seminar 1*** ***Cookie Cutters and Crumbles***

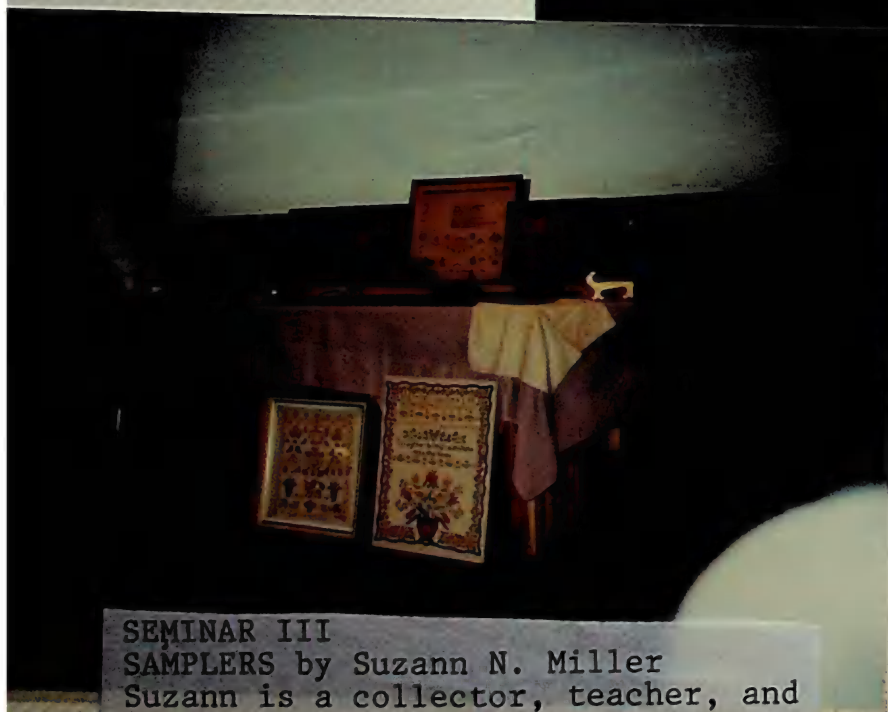
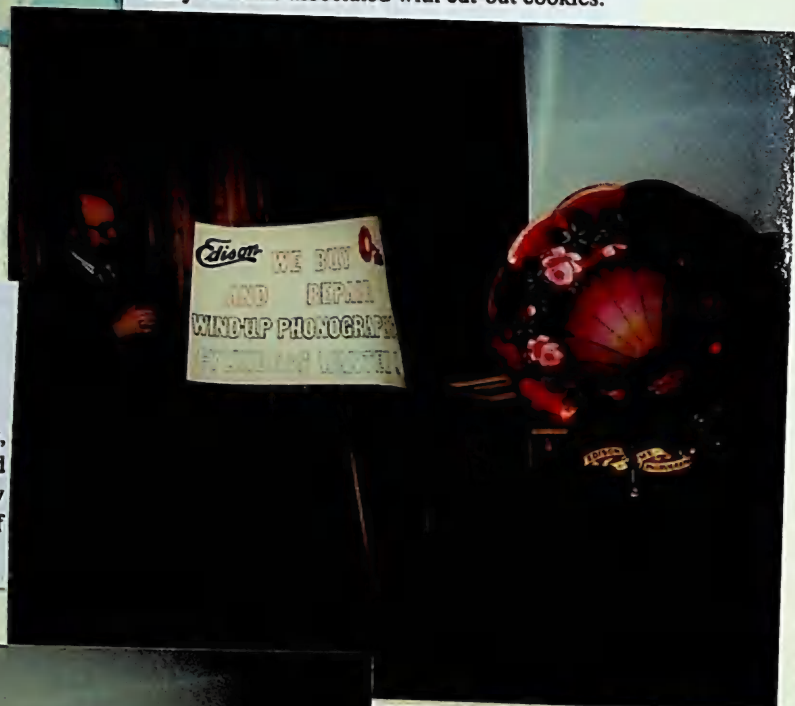
by Fran Woolbrink

Fran is a 15 year member of Chautauqua Circuit Chapter. She has been chairperson of her chapter and is a former state officer. Her interest in cookie cutters became part of her antique collecting 18 years ago. She will tell about cookie cutters and the many customs associated with cut-out cookies.

### ***Seminar 2*** ***Miracle of Talking***

by Burdette Walters

Burdette is a collector of antiques from Wellsburg, Iowa. He has been collecting Cylinder Record Machines since 1957. He will be giving the history of Thomas Edison and sharing his knowledge of his talking machines.



SEMINAR III  
SAMPLERS by Suzann N. Miller  
Suzann is a collector, teacher, and  
needlework designer from Waukee, Ia.



MAY 8, 1996.....HUMMEL FIGURINES  
HOSTESS.....Marge Johnson  
CO-HOSTESS.....Marlene Lage

**Brownlie Sod House Questers**

The Brownlie Sod House Questers Chapter #1229 met May 8 at the LeClaire home of Marge Johnson. Assisting hostess was Marlene Lage. Seventeen members were present and enjoyed the presentation on Hummel figurines by the hostess. A report on state day was given by Dorothy Curtis, Helen Muhs, Ruby Ferris and Inez Stollenberg.

The next meeting will be held on June 12 and will be hosted by Carol Roukey and Janet Nagle. A tour of the Col. Davenport Home will be featured.



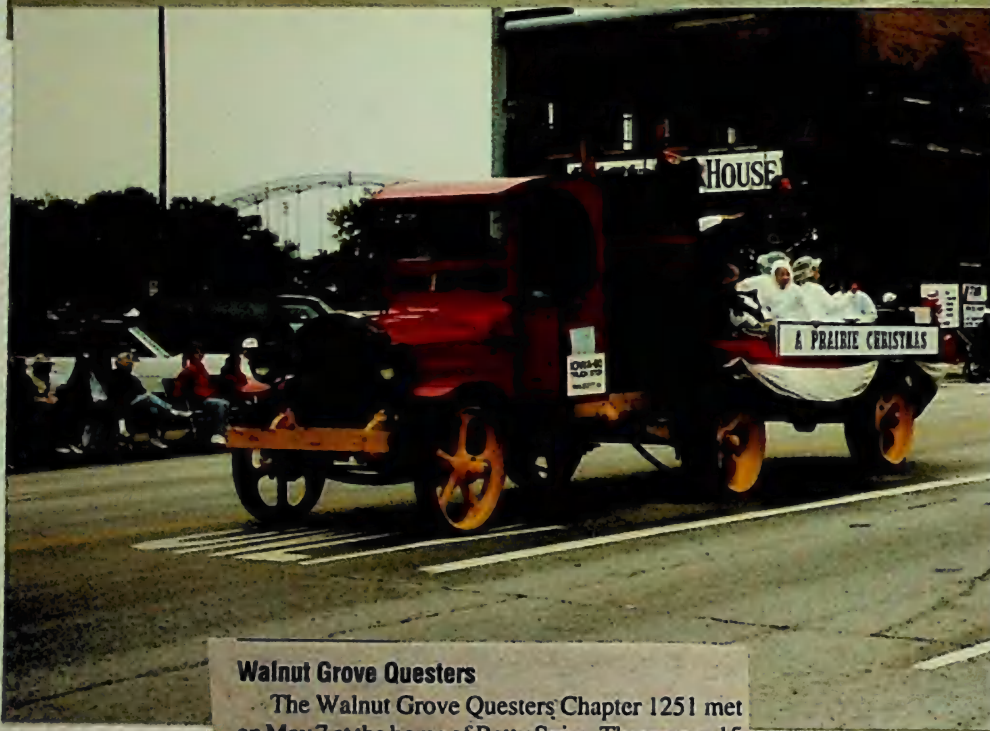
Marge Johnson and Marlene Lage  
looking over Marge's Hummels



Some of Marge's Hummel figurines



## QUESTERS FLOAT IN SESQUICENTENNIAL PARADE "A PRAIRIE CHRISTMAS"



### Walnut Grove Questers

The Walnut Grove Questers Chapter 1251 met on May 7 at the home of Betty Spies. There were 15 members and two guests present for the brunch.

Betty Spies shared her family pictures with the members. A program on "Preservation of Antique Pictures and Albums" was presented by Barbara Douglass, a Creative Memories consultant. Each member shared some favorite family albums, baby pictures and clippings.

Final plans were made and discussed for a float on a 1913 Mack antique truck, donated by Carolyn Moon, for the Davenport Sesquicentennial Parade on May 25. Members of Brownlie Sod House #1229 and Walnut Grove Questers will participate in constructing a prairie Christmas theme.

The next meeting will be held June 25 at the home of Jean Staggs. A presentation of hat pins will be given. Each member may wear or bring a hat to place hat pins on.

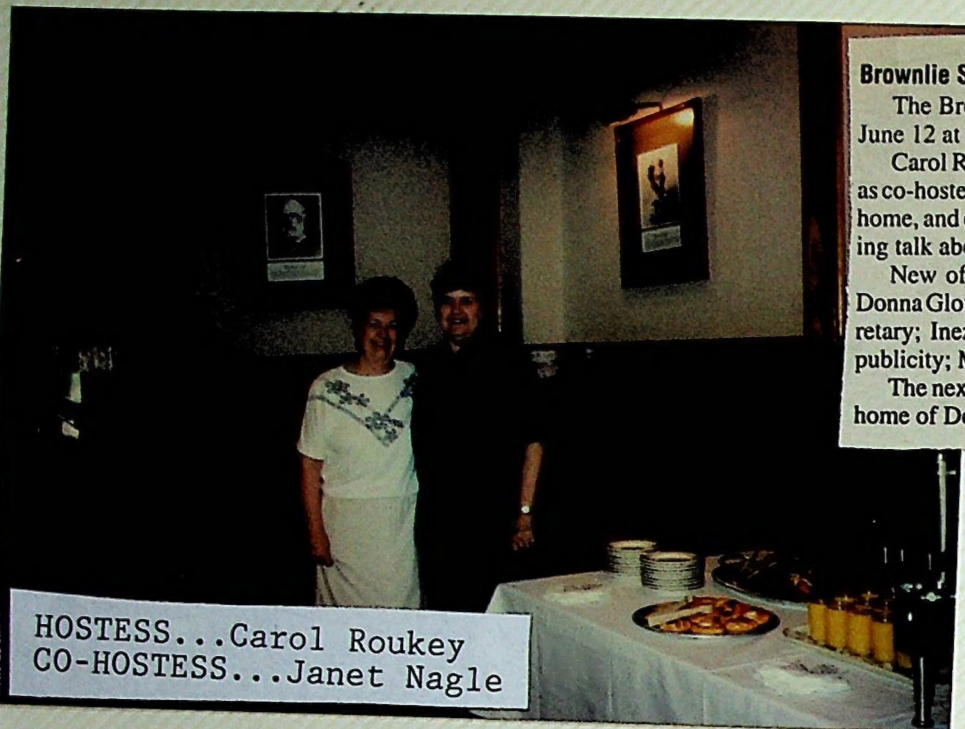




JEANETTE KORTHAUS, a member of The Walnut Grove Questers Chapter 1251, working on the sign for the float.



JUNE 12, 1996.....TOUR OF COL. DAVENPORT HOME  
 HOSTESS.....Carol Roukey  
 CO-HOSTESS.....Janet Nagle



#### Brownlie Sod House Questers

The Brownlie Sod House Questers #1229 met June 12 at the Rock Island Officers' Club.

Carol Roukey was the hostess with Janet Nagle as co-hostess. The group toured the Col. Davenport home, and enjoyed a very informative and interesting talk about Col. Davenport.

New officers are: Marian Behrens, president; Donna Glover, vice-president; Dorothy Curtis, secretary; Inez Stoltenberg, treasurer; Marge Casel, publicity; Marge Johnson, historian.

The next meeting will be held on Sept. 11 at the home of Dorothy Curtis, Donahue.

HOSTESS...Carol Roukey  
 CO-HOSTESS...Janet Nagle



#### OFFICERS FOR 1996/1997 YEAR:

Inez Stoltenberg, treas; Marge Johnson, historian;  
 Dorothy Curtis, sec'y; Donna Glover, v. pres.;  
 Marian Behrens, pres.;  
 Retiring pres., Ruby Ferris; Helen Muhs, retiring  
 v. pres.



Questers viewing Col. Davenport home.





# OBITUARIES



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Michelle, Lora, Tracy.

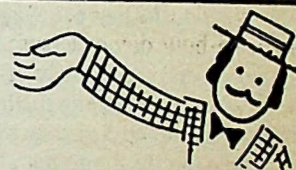
*In Loving Memory of  
Lora Jean Ott Baughman*

Lora Baughman was a  
Charter Member of  
BROWNLIE SOD HOUSE  
#1229.

Funeral services  
5:30 p.m. Friday, J  
Officiating were  
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Honorary pallbea

Reduction of a half-page ad  
from Aug. 5, 1976 NSP

**Go To The Fair  
With The North Scott Press**



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## OPINIONS...OURS...Y

## Celebrating a life w

One of my favorite recollections of Lora Baughman is when she covered the Mississippi Valley Fair in the "early years" at the NSP. When Lora died last week, I looked up the ad which is printed below, 20 years ago to the week, from our issue of Aug. 5, 1976.

It was about that time that our Fair Issue was really getting off the ground. The 4-H enrollment in the county was large, and interest in the exhibits was as great as it is today, maybe greater.

An "Impressions" column in the same issue praised the Fair Board for shortening the fair to six days from ten. Previously, events covered one week plus two weekends. If you think the fair is long now, imagine that!

We had a smaller staff and it took more

## Impressions



by Bill Tubbs

earned in 1971.

We were proud of our fair coverage then, as we are today, although the way we produce the issue has changed considerably. This year, for example, Scott Campbell will